

information requests concerning automotive fuel economy, which are routinely received from Congress, other parts of the Executive branch, and the public; and (d) to provide NHTSA with detailed and accurate technical and economic information used to evaluate possible future average fuel economy standards which may be established by NHTSA.

#### Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on:

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) The burden of the proposed collection of information, including the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses;

(v) Estimates of annual hours required to prepare and submit these reports to NHTSA; and

(vi) Estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information to NHTSA.

Issued on: December 3, 1996.

Noble Bowie,

*Acting Director, Office of Planning and Consumer Programs, Safety Performance Standards.*

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#### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33303]

#### Clark County, Washington— Acquisition Exemption—Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad

Clark County, Washington (CCW), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41: (1) to acquire a total of approximately 3.6 miles of rail line owned by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and located in Clark County, Washington, between milepost 3.62 at

Rye and milepost 0.0 at Vancouver Junction (the Rye Branch). The proposed transaction was to be consummated on December 6, 1996, or as soon thereafter as the selected operator's exemption becomes effective.<sup>1</sup>

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33303, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423 and served on: Kevin M. Sheys, Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, 1020 Nineteenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

Decided: December 16, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,  
*Secretary.*

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[Finance Docket No. 32760]

#### Union Pacific Railroad Company— Control and Merger—Southern Pacific Transportation Company: Wichita Mitigation Study

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board,  
DOT.

ACTION: Public information meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will hold a public meeting concerning its Wichita Mitigation Study. In its decision of August 12, 1996, the Board directed SEA to conduct this study in order to develop further mitigation to address the merger-related environmental impacts of increased railroad traffic on the existing Union Pacific right-of-way that runs through Sedgwick County, KS. The study will include publication of a draft mitigation plan to submit to the public for review and comment and issuance of a final mitigation plan.

The public information meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to meet members of the study team and to ask questions about and comment on the study process to date. The meeting

<sup>1</sup>CCW is seeking acquisition authority only. The future operator of the Rye Branch, once selected by CCW, will file its own Verified Notice of Exemption for operating authority over the Rye Branch.

will be held January 28, 1997 at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 455 North Main St., 1st Floor, Wichita, KS. An informal open house will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. during which the public may review maps and graphics illustrating the study area and the mitigation options under consideration by SEA at this time. The open house will be followed by a public meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at which the SEA team will make a brief presentation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Dalton, Section of Environmental Analysis, Rm 3219, Surface Transportation Board, 12th & Constitution Ave., Washington, DC 20423; Phone Number: (202) 927-6197., TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.

By the Board, Elaine K. Kaiser, Chief,  
Section of Environmental Analysis.

Vernon A. Williams,  
*Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

#### Community Development Financial Institutions Fund; Notice of Open Meeting of the Community Development Advisory Board

AGENCY: Community Development  
Financial Institutions Fund, Department  
of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the second meeting of the Community Development Advisory Board (the "Advisory Board"), which provides advice to the Director of the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (the "Fund").

**DATES:** The second meeting of the Community Development Advisory Board will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 1997 at 10:00 a.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20220, (202) 622-8662 (this is not a toll free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 104(d) of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4703(d)) established the Community Development Advisory Board. The charter for the Advisory Board has been filed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, (5 U.S.C. App.), and with the