

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act 1995 (44 USC Chapter 35), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on April 18, 1996 [FR 61, page 16968].

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before February 10, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Earl Coles, Office of Information Management Programs, (202) 366-054, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

*Title:* Driver Qualification Files.  
*OMB Control Number:* 2125-0065.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Affected Public:* Motor Carriers.

*Abstract:* The authority for driver qualification files is contained in 49 U.S.C. 504, 31133, 31136, and 31502, and 49 CFR 1.48, with penalty provisions in 49 U.S.C. 521 and 522. 49 CFR 391.51 requires a motor carrier to maintain a driver qualification file for each regularly employed driver and each intermittent, casual, and occasional driver. The file contains the minimum amount of information necessary to document that a driver is qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce. A driver qualification file is used by the FHWA and motor carrier to ensure that a driver who operates a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce, can by reason of experience and/or training, safely operate a type of commercial motor vehicle; has been issued an appropriate driver's license; and has not been disqualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle. Public demand for highway safety requires that the hiring of commercial motor vehicle drivers be restricted to those drivers with records which prove their ability to safely operate a commercial motor vehicle.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* The total annual burden is 1,076,166 hours.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer.

Comments are Invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 3, 1997.

Phillip A. Leach,

*Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.*

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**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 33323]

**Chicago Rail Link, L.L.C.; Lease and Operation Exemption; Union Pacific Railroad Company**

Chicago Rail Link, L.L.C. (CRL), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease and operate approximately 8.5 miles of rail lines owned by the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP). CRL will be leasing and operating track numbers 1 through 9, 110, 500, 501, 702, 710, and 711 in UP's Irondale Yard, Chicago, IL, east of Torrence Avenue between 117th Street and 122nd Street.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or shortly after December 26, 1996.

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 does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33323, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Karl Morell, Esq., Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, N.W., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

Decided: January 2, 1997.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.  
Vernon A. Williams,  
*Secretary.*

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[STB Finance Docket No. 33324]

**Northern Plains Railroad, Inc.; Lease and Operation Exemption; Certain Lines of Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway**

Northern Plains Railroad, Inc. (NPR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire by lease and operate approximately 377.55 miles of railroad owned by the Soo Line Railroad Company, d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway: (1) between Thief River Falls, MN (MP 309.69) and Harlow, ND (MP 472.24); and (2) between Fordville, ND (MP 390.99) and Kenmare, ND (mp 605.99).

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or about January 6, 1997.

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

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33324, must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Byron D. Olsen, Esq., Felhaber, Larson, Fenlon & Vogt, P.A., 601 Second Avenue South, Suite 4200, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

Decided: January 2, 1997.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.  
Vernon A. Williams,  
*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 500)]

**CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment—in Barbour, Randolph, Pocahontas, and Webster Counties, WV**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of findings.