

Agreement with CSXT, a total of 15.3 miles of rail line, exclusive of the incidental trackage rights, located in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, OH. YBRR will become a Class III rail carrier.¹ The proposed transaction was to have been consummated shortly after December 31, 1996, the effective date of the exemption.

The lines involved in the lease and operation, together with incidental trackage rights, are described as follows: between milepost 15.5 and milepost 17.3 in Warren; between milepost 17.3 in Warren and milepost 20.0 in North Warren; between milepost 57.0 and milepost 58.5 at Niles; between milepost 62.1 at Niles and milepost 66.4 at Youngstown; between milepost 0.0 at Brier Hill and milepost 0.7 at Leadville; and between milepost 4.1 at Ohio Works Junction and milepost 6.0 at Girard (the Lordstown Cluster Lines).

The lines involved in WTRC's assignment of trackage rights are over a segment of track between milepost 79.6 and milepost 82.0 at Girard (the Girard Line).²

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. 33333, 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: Kelvin J. Dowd, Slover & Loftus, 1224 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

Decided: January 16, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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¹ This proceeding is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33332, wherein Summit View Incorporated, a noncarrier, has filed a notice of exemption to continue in control of YBRR upon YBRR's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

² In addition to the Lordstown Cluster Lines and Girard Lines, WTRC also presently operates over a total of 9.28 miles of rail line between Deforest Junction and North Warren, in Warren and Holland Townships, OH. These lines are not affected by the subject transaction.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[FI-7-94; FI-36-92]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning existing regulations, FI-7-94 notice of proposed rulemaking, temporary and final (TD 8538), and FI-36-92 final (TD 8476), Arbitrage Restriction on Tax-Exempt Bonds (§§ 1.148-2, 1.148-3, 1.148-4, 1.148-4T, 1.148-7, 1.148-11).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 25, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Arbitrage Restrictions on Tax-Exempt Bonds.

OMB Number: 1545-1347.

Regulation Project Number: FI-36-92; FI-7-94.

Abstract: Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code requires issuers of tax-exempt bonds to rebate certain arbitrage profits earned on nonpurpose investments acquired with the bond proceeds. Under FI-36-92, issuers are required to file a Form 8038-T and remit the rebate. Issuers are also required to keep records of certain interest rate hedges so that the hedges are taken into account in determining arbitrage profits. Under FI-7-94, the scope of interest rate hedging transactions covered by the arbitrage regulations was broadened by requiring that hedges entered into prior to the sale date of the bonds are covered as well.

Current Actions: There is no change to these existing regulations.

Type of Review: Extension of OMB approval.

Affected Public: State, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 14 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 42,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

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: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: January 17, 1997.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Revenue Procedure 97-15

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort