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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *Prevention of Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations*—Ms. Judy Meade, Office of Program Management, (202) 366-2896.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

Title: *Prevention of Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations* (OMB Number: 2132-0557)

Background: The Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991 (Pub. L. 102-143, October 28, 1991, now codified in relevant part at 49 U.S.C. 5331) requires any recipient of Federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Sections 5309, 5307, or 5311 or under 23 U.S.C. Section 103(e) (4) to establish a program designed to help prevent accidents and injuries resulting from the misuse of drugs and alcohol by employees who perform safety-sensitive functions. FTA's regulation, 49 CFR Part 653, "Prevention of Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations," effective March 17, 1994, requires recipients to submit to FTA annual reports containing data which summarize information concerning the recipients' drug testing program, such as the number and type of tests given, number of positive test results, and the kinds of safety-sensitive functions the employees perform. FTA uses these data to ensure compliance with the rule, to assess the misuse of drugs in the transit industry, and to set the random testing rate. The data will also be used to assess the effectiveness of the rule in reducing the misuse of drugs among safety-sensitive transit employees and making transit safer for the public.

Respondents: State and local government, business or other for-profit institutions, non-profit institutions, and small business organizations.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 26.5 hours for each of the 1,615 respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 42,799 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

Issued: February 4, 1997.

Gordon J. Linton,
Administrator.

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Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. 41987]

Western Fuels Service Corporation v. the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board is granting the request of both the complainant and the defendant that this proceeding be exempted from the statutory requirement that it be completed within 180 days. The Board is extending the time limit to 270 days pursuant to the request of the parties.

DATES: The exemption is effective on February 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to the exemption granted in STB Docket No. 41987 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington DC 20423. In addition, a copy of all pleadings must be served on the parties' representatives: (1) For Western Fuels Service Corporation, Peter Glaser, Doherty, Rumble & Butler, Suite 1100, 1401 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005; and (2) for The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, Samuel M. Sipe, Jr., Steptoe & Johnson, 1330 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036, and Richard E. Weicher, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, Suite 3800, 777 Main Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102-5384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 927-5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proceeding involves a request for access to certain terminal facilities and trackage by Western Fuels Service

Corporation (complainant) pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 11102. Under section 11102(d), the Board must complete the proceeding within 180 days after the filing of the request for relief. As complainant filed its complaint on December 9, 1996, the deadline for completion of the proceeding is June 7, 1997. Complainant has filed a request for a 90-day extension of the deadline until September 5, 1997, and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (defendant) has joined in the request. Acting under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board has granted an exemption from the statutory deadline. The Board will establish a procedural schedule to govern the processing of the proceeding, if necessary, when it rules on a pending motion by defendant to dismiss the proceeding.

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC NEWS & DATA, INC., Room 2229, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: February 3, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Report of Financial and Operating Statistics for Small Aircraft Operators—Form 298-C

AGENCY: Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) invites the general public, industry and other Federal Agencies to comment on the continuing need and usefulness of BTS collecting financial, traffic and operating statistics from small certificated and commuter air carriers. Small certificated air carriers (operate aircraft with 60 seats or less or with 18,000 pounds of payload capacity or less) must file the five quarterly schedules listed below:

A-1 *Report of Flight and Traffic Statistics in Scheduled Passenger Operations,*