

Petition Docket Number RST-95-3) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, Office of Chief Counsel, FRA, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Communications received within 30 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.) at FRA's temporary docket room located at 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Room 7051, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on February 19, 1997.

Phil Olekszyk,

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Compliance and Program Implementation.*  
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### Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From the Requirements of 49 CFR Part 236

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 235 and 49 U.S.C. App. 26, the following railroads have petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of the signal system or relief from the requirements of 49 CFR Part 236 as detailed below.

Block Signal Application (BS-AP)-No. 3415

*Applicant:* Union Pacific Railroad Company, Mr. P. M. Abaray, Chief Engineer-Signals/Quality, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 1000, Omaha, Nebraska 68179-0001.

The Union Pacific Railroad Company seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of signals 1636 and 1644, on the single main track automatic block signal system, near Hampton, Iowa, milepost 164.0, on the Mason City Subdivision.

The reason given for the proposed change is that the two signals are no longer needed.

BS-AP-No. 3416

*Applicant:* Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis, Mr. C. D. Trice, Manager Signals and Communications, 1201 McKinley Street, Venice, Illinois 62090.

The Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis seeks approval of the proposed relocation of automatic signal 211, southward a distance of 1,350 feet, near

Brooklyn, Illinois, on the Illinois Transfer District.

The reasons given for the proposed change are that the signal no longer serves the purpose for which it was intended, the relocation will improve functionality of the signal, make signal spacing more uniform and less confusing to train crews, and increase braking distance.

BS-AP-No. 3417

*Applicant:* Union Pacific Railroad, Mr. J. A. Turner, Engineer—Signals, Southern Pacific Building, One Market Plaza, San Francisco, California 94105.

The Union Pacific Railroad (former Southern Pacific Lines, St. Louis and Southwestern Railroad) seeks approval of the proposed modification of the traffic control system, on the single main track and siding, mileposts 339.9 and 340.9, near Herbert, Arkansas, Central Region, Midwest Division, Pine Bluff Subdivision, consisting of the following: discontinuance of East and West Herbert control points; conversion of the power-operated switches to hand operation; discontinuance and removal of controlled signals 62L, 62RA, and 60LA; conversion of controlled signal 60R to back-to-back automatic signals; and retention of the trailing siding signals in lieu of electric locks at each end of the siding.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that Herbert siding is no longer used to meet or pass trains, and is used as a storage track no longer requiring the power-operated switches.

BS-AP-No. 3418

*Applicant:* Union Railroad Company, Mr. J. J. Lacey, Assistant Vice President and General Manager, 135 Jamison Lane, P.O. Box 68, Monroeville, Pennsylvania 15146.

The Union Railroad Company seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of a portion of the automatic block signals from the Munhall Branch, near West Mifflin, Pennsylvania, and govern train movements by yard limit rules.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that traffic and train movements have declined during recent years as a result of the retired Homestead Works steel plant, and traffic presently averages between 30 and 35 movements per week.

BS-AP-No. 3419

*Applicant:* Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad Company, Mr. J. J. Lacey, Assistant Vice President and General Manager, 135 Jamison Lane, P.O. Box 68, Monroeville, Pennsylvania 15146.

The Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad Company seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the traffic control system, on the single main track, between "KO North End," milepost 93.5, near Adamsville, Pennsylvania and "RX Interlocking," milepost 123.8, near Albion, Pennsylvania, a distance of approximately 30 miles; and the associated installation of a Dispatcher Control Track Warrant System to govern train movements.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that traffic and train movements have declined during recent years with the vast reduction of ore and coal movements associated with declining steel operations, and traffic reductions do not support the expense to maintain the centralized traffic control system.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and contain a concise statement of the interest of the protestant in the proceeding. The original and two copies of the protest shall be filed with the Associate Administrator for Safety, FRA, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590 within 45 calendar days of the date of issuance of this notice. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.

FRA expects to be able to determine these matters without an oral hearing. However, if a specific request for an oral hearing is accompanied by a showing that the party is unable to adequately present his or her position by written statements, an application may be set for public hearing.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Bureau of the Public Debt

#### Proposed Collection: Comment Request

**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 Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Application For Disposition—United States Savings Bonds/Notes and/or Related Checks Owned by Decedent Whose Estate is Being Settled Without Administration.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 28, 1997, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESS:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Vicki S. Thorpe, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Vicki S. Thorpe, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, (304) 480-6553.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Application For Disposition—United States Savings Bonds/Notes and/or Related Checks Owned by Decedent Whose Estate Is Being Settled Without Administration.

*OMB Number:* 1535-0118.

*Form Number:* PD F 5336.

*Abstract:* The information is requested to support a request for distribution when a decedent's estate is not being administered.

*Current Actions:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 80,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 40,000.

**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.

Dated: February 18, 1997.

Vicki S. Thorpe,  
Manager, Graphic's, Printing and Records  
Branch.

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**Proposed Collection: Comment Request**

**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 Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Certificate by Legal Representative(s) of Decedent's Estate, During Administration, of Authority to Act and of Distribution Where Estate Holds No More Than \$1000 (face amount) United States Savings and Retirement Securities, Excluding Checks Representing Interest.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 28, 1997, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESS:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Vicki S. Thorpe, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Vicki S. Thorpe, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, (304) 480-6553.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Certificate By legal Representative(s) of Decedent's Estate, During Administration, Of Authority To Act and Of Distribution Where Estate Holds No More Than \$1000 (face amount) United States Savings and Retirement Securities, Excluding Checks Representing Interest.

*OMB Number:* 1535-0060.

*Form Number:* PD F 2488-1.

*Abstract:* The information is requested to establish legal representative of a decedent's estate authority to act and request disposition of securities.

*Current Actions:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 6,300.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,575.

**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.

Dated: February 18, 1997.

Vicki S. Thorpe,  
Manager, Graphics, Printing and Records  
Branch.

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**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

February 11, 1997.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**SPECIAL REQUEST:** In order to begin the survey described below in May