

revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on July 16, 1997, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29³ must be filed by June 26, 1997. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by July 7, 1997, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: James R. Paschall, General Attorney, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

NW has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by June 20, 1997. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), NW shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by

NW's filing of a notice of consummation by June 16, 1998, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Decided: June 9, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

[Treasury Directive Number 16-22]

Withdrawals From Trust and Deposit Fund Accounts; Authority Delegation

Dated: June 5, 1997.

1. *Delegation.* By virtue of the authority granted to the Fiscal Assistant Secretary by Treasury Order (TO) 101-05, the Commissioner, Bureau of the Public Debt, is delegated the authority to approve schedules for withdrawals from all trust and deposit fund accounts administered by the Bureau of the Public Debt for the Secretary of the Treasury.

2. *Redelegation.* The Commissioner, Bureau of the Public Debt, may redelegate this authority in writing to officials of the Bureau of the Public Debt, and it may be exercised in the individual capacity and under the individual title of each official receiving such authority.

3. *Authorities.* TO 101-05, "Reporting Relationships and Supervision of Officials, Offices and Bureaus, Delegation of Certain Authority, and Order of Succession in the Department of the Treasury."

4. *Cancellation.* Treasury Directive 16-22, "Withdrawals from Trust and Deposit Fund Accounts," dated October 22, 1992, is superseded.

5. *Expiration Date.* This Directive expires three years after the date of issuance unless superseded or cancelled by that date.

6. *Office of Primary Interest.* Division of Accounting Operations, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of the Public Debt.

Gerald Murphy,

Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

[General Counsel Designation No. 232]

Appointment of Members to the Legal Division Performance Review Board

Under the authority granted to me as General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury by 31 U.S.C. 301 and 26 U.S.C. 7801, Treasury Department Order No. 101-5 (Revised), and pursuant to the Civil Service Reform Act, I hereby appoint the following persons to the Legal Division Performance Review Board:

(1) For the General Counsel Panel—
Neal S. Wolin, Deputy General Counsel, who shall serve as Chairperson;
Russell L. Munk, Assistant General Counsel (International Affairs);
Stephen J. McHale, Chief Counsel, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms;
Robert M. McNamara, Jr., Assistant General Counsel (Enforcement);
Kenneth R. Schmalzbach, Assistant General Counsel (General Law and Ethics); and
Elizabeth B. Anderson, Chief Counsel, United States Customs Service.

(2) For the Internal Revenue Service Panel—
Chairperson, Deputy Chief Counsel, IRS;
Deputy General Counsel;
Two Associate Chief Counsel, IRS; and
Two Regional Counsel, IRS.

I hereby delegate to the Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service the authority to make the appointments to the IRS Panel specified in this Designation and to make the publication of the IRS Panel as required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

Dated: June 9, 1997.

Edward S. Knight,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 23

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

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$900. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

³ The Board will accept late-filed trail use requests as long as the abandonment has not been consummated and the abandoning railroad is willing to negotiate an agreement.