

forwarders under 49 U.S.C. 13903, and for property brokers under 49 U.S.C. 13904. The Secretary has adopted regulations to implement these registration procedures. Under Title 49 U.S.C. 13905, each registration is effective from the date specified and remains in effect for such period as the Secretary of Transportation determines appropriate by regulation. Subsection (c) of 49 U.S.C. 13905 provides that, on application of the registrant, the Secretary may amend or revoke a registration. Authority pertaining to these registrations has been delegated to the FHWA.

Form OCE-46 allows transportation entities to apply voluntarily for revocation of their registration in whole or in part. The form asks for the registrant's docket number, name and address, and the reasons for the revocation request.

Respondents: Motor Carriers, Freight Forwarders, and Brokers.

Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 400 hours.

Frequency: This is a one-time reporting requirement. Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including, but not limited to: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FHWA; (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 reinstatement of this information collection.

Authority: 23 U.S.C 315 and 49 CFR 1.48.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. 97-2629]

Notice of Request for Reinstatement of an Expired Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the FHWA to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reinstate an expired information collection. This information collection is used by Mexican motor carriers to apply for authority to operate across the border into the United States.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Signed, written comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Thomas Vining, Office of Motor Carrier Information Analysis, (202) 358-7028, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Title: Application for Certificate of Registration for Foreign Motor Carriers and Foreign Motor Private Carriers under 49 U.S.C. 13902(c)

OMB Number: 2125-0572

Background: Basic licensing procedures for registering foreign motor carriers to operate across the border into the United States are found at 49 U.S.C. 13902(c). Related regulations appear at 49 CFR 368. The FHWA carries out this registration program under authority delegated by the Secretary of Transportation. Form OP-2 is used by foreign motor carriers to apply for registration with the FHWA. The form requests information on the motor carrier's location, the form of business, ownership and control, and proposed operations.

Respondents: Foreign Motor Carriers.

Average Burden per Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,400 hours.

Frequency: This is a one-time reporting requirement.

Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including, but not limited to: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FHWA; (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 reinstatement of this information collection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33424]

Portland & Western Railroad, Inc.— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

Portland & Western Railroad, Inc. (PNWR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company's (BNSF) line, known as the Astoria Branch, between milepost 5.22 near Willbridge and milepost 96.88 near Tongue Point, in Clatsop, Columbia, and Washington Counties, OR, a distance of approximately 91.66 miles. BNSF is also granting incidental trackage rights to PNWR over the line between milepost 5.22 near Willbridge and milepost 3.30 near Willbridge Yard, a distance of approximately 1.92 miles.¹

¹ On July 10, 1997, John D. Fitzgerald, on behalf of the United Transportation Union—General Committee of Adjustment (UTU-GCA), filed a petition to reject, to revoke, and to stay the notice of exemption. The notice of exemption is in compliance with our regulations at 49 CFR 1150.41 et seq. and will not be rejected. The notice of exemption was filed on July 3, 1997, and became effective on July 10, 1997, the same day UTU-GCA's petition was filed. See 49 CFR 1150.42(b). Therefore, as the stay request was filed after the exemption had taken effect, it will not be