

safety and environmental protection through risk management, work in partnership with OPS to evaluate the merits of risk management, and show a corporate commitment to use the risk management process as a day-to-day part of their business practices. The selection criteria for the Demonstration Program favors those proposals that are the most comprehensive. The company must also have a clear and established record of compliance in the existing program in order to be considered for participation.

8. Enforceable Agreements and Incentives To Perform

Just as the traditional regulatory system provides a clear process to monitor performance, so must the risk management alternative. Once OPS approves a Formal Application and Work Plan, an order will be issued and notice made to the public through the **Federal Register**. The order will specify the pipeline safety regulatory requirements for the period of the demonstration, and set forth the terms and conditions for the operator's participation in the project.

OPS will have an audit plan to monitor how well the operator is meeting the performance goals. OPS's full statutory authority to inspect pipeline facilities remains in effect.

Should any unsafe conditions arise, OPS will work with participating companies to see that such conditions are quickly remedied.

OPS invites comments on ways we can make the communications program more meaningful.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 5, 1997.

Richard B. Felder,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.
[FR Doc. 97-21117 Filed 8-8-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-60-P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-477 (Sub-No. 2X)]

Owensville Terminal Company, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Gibson and Posey Counties, IN

On July 22, 1997, Owensville Terminal Company, Inc. (OTC) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a line of railroad known as the Cynthia-Owensville line, extending from railroad milepost 277.0 north of Cynthia to railroad milepost 271.0

north of Owensville, a distance of 6.0 miles, in Gibson and Posey Counties, IN. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 47665 and includes the station of Owensville at railroad milepost 271.5.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it. The interest of railroad employees will be protected by *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by November 7, 1997.

Any offer of financial assistance under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. 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).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than September 2, 1997. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-477 (Sub-No. 2X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001, and (2) Thomas F. McFarland, Jr., McFarland & Herman, 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1330, Chicago, IL 60606-2902.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1545. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at (202) 565-1695.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact

SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Decided: August 1, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 97-21127 Filed 8-8-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4915-00-P

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

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 Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Firearms Transaction Record, Part II Non-Over-The-Counter.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 10, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Nicholas Colucci, Firearms and Explosives Operations Branch, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Firearms Transaction Record, Part II Non-Over-The Counter.

OMB Number: 1512-0130.

Form Number: ATF F 4473 (5300.9) Part II.

Abstract: ATF F 4473 (5300.9) Part II is used to determine the eligibility under the Gun Control Act (GCA) of a