

the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).²

Cargill states that: (i) The rail lines do not connect; (ii) the transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect these railroads with each other or with any other railroad in their corporate family; and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33458, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on John K. Maser, III, Esq., Donelan, Cleary, Wood & Master, P.C., 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 750, Washington, DC 20005.

Decided: September 12, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

September 9, 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.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1544.

Form Number: IRS Form 11212.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Statement of Amendment of Employee Benefit Plan.

Description: Form 11212 is part of a voluntary outreach program designed to ensure that retirement and pension plans are amended to conform to certain law changes. Completion of three questions on Form 11212 indicates, but does not guarantee, that the plan document has been properly amended.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,900.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Other (one time).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 2,725 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 10, 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 conduct the opinion survey described below in October 1997, the Department of the Treasury is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approve this information collection by September 23, 1997. To obtain a copy of this study, please contact the Internal Revenue Service Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1432.

Project Number: M:SP:V 97-020-G.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Electronic Filing Program Opinion Survey.

Description: The purpose of this survey is to collect information to determine what tax practitioners (members of the National Society of Accountants (NSA) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)) like and dislike about the Electronic Filing Program. In addition, practitioners' suggestions on how to improve the program will help the IRS provide a more effective tool to the practitioners which should result in more returns filed electronically.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 45,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Other (one time only).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 9,000 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports, Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

September 15, 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

²Applicant indicates that consummation of the transaction will occur within 85 days after July 10, 1997.