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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board<sup>1</sup>

[Finance Docket No. 32530]

#### Kansas City Southern Railway Company—Construction and Operation Exemption—Geismar Industrial Area Near Gonzales and Sorrento, Louisiana

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of time for comment period for draft environmental impact statement (EIS).

**SUMMARY:** The Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCS) applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC), now the Surface Transportation Board (Board), for authority to construct and operate an 8.62-mile rail line from the Geismar Industrial area to its mainline near Gonzales and Sorrento, in Ascension Parish, Louisiana. On July 16, 1997, the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) issued a draft EIS. Consistent with Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), SEA provided a 45-day comment period for the public review of the draft EIS, with comments due by September 8, 1997.

In response to several requests to extend the comment period an additional 60 days, SEA granted a 15-day extension for filing comments to September 23, 1997.

The Concerned Citizens of Ascension Parish (CCAP) filed an Appeal of SEA's decision and requested the full 60 days sought in their original request. As

stated in the original extension decision, SEA believes that the 45-day comment period specified by CEQ guidelines is sufficient in this case. However, in order to allow every opportunity for public input into the Board's NEPA process in this case, SEA will accept comments to the draft EIS for an additional 14 days past the current due date of September 23, 1997. Comments to the draft EIS will now be due on October 7, 1997.

If you wish to file comments on the draft EIS, send an original and 10 copies to: Vernon A. Williams, Secretary, Surface Transportation Board, Suite 700, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423. Mark the lower left corner of the envelope: Attention: Michael Dalton, Environmental Comments, Finance Docket No. 32530.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Dalton, Section of Environmental Analysis, Room 528, Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423; phone number (202) 565-1530. TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.

By the Board, Elaine K. Kaiser, Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Departmental Offices; Proposed Collections; Comment Requests

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on two information collections that are due for renewed approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of International Financial Analysis within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning Treasury International Capital Form BL-3, Intermediary's Notification of Foreign Borrowing Denominated in Dollars; and Treasury International Capital Form CM, Dollar Deposit and Certificate of Deposit Claims on Banks Abroad.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before November 25, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Gary A. Lee, Manager, Treasury International Capital Reporting System, Department of the Treasury, Room 5464,

1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Gary A. Lee, Manager, Treasury International Capital Reporting System, Department of the Treasury, Room 5464, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20220, (202) 622-2270.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Titles:** Treasury International Capital Form BL-3, Intermediary's Notification of Foreign Borrowing Denominated in Dollars; and Treasury International Capital Form CM, Dollar Deposit and Certificate of Deposit Claims on Banks Abroad.

**OMB Numbers:** 1505-0088 and 1505-0023.

**Abstracts:** Forms BL-3 and CM are part of the Treasury International Capital (TIC) reporting system, which is required by law (22 USC 286f; 22 USC 3103; EO 10033; 31 CFR 128), and are designed to collect timely information on international portfolio capital movements. Form BL-3 is a monthly report used to strengthen compliance with existing TIC reporting requirements, whereby a U.S. bank advises its domestic nonbank customers of their responsibilities to report as liabilities on TIC Form CQ-1 their loans from foreigners that the bank will not include among its reportable custody liabilities to foreigners on TIC Form BL-2. Form CM is a monthly report whereby nonbanking enterprises in the U.S. report their total dollar deposit and certificate of deposit claims on foreign banks. This information is necessary for compiling the U.S. balance of payments accounts, for calculating the U.S. international investment position, and for use in formulating U.S. international financial and monetary policies.

**Current Actions:** No changes to reporting requirements for either form are proposed at this time.

**Type of Review:** Extensions.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit organizations.

Form BL-3 (1505-0088).

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 25

**Estimated Average Time per Respondent:** 30 minutes per respondent per filing.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 150 hours, based on twelve reporting periods per year.

Form CM (1505-0023).

**Estimated Number of Respondents:**

175

**Estimated Average Time per Respondent:** 30 minutes per respondent per filing.

<sup>1</sup> The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Public Law 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (the Act), which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) and transferred certain functions and proceedings to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). Section 204(b)(1) of the Act provides, in general, that proceedings pending before the ICC on the effective date of that legislation shall be decided under the law in effect prior to January 1, 1996, insofar as they involve functions retained by the Act. This notice relates to a proceeding that was pending with the ICC prior to January 1, 1996, and to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to section 49 U.S.C. 10901. Therefore, this notice applies the law in effect prior to the Act, and citations are to the former section of the statute, unless otherwise indicated.