

E. Discuss the following information regarding the anticipated transportation of ozone depleting materials (such as nitrogen oxide and freon):

- (1) Materials and quantity;
- (2) Applicants' safety practices;
- (3) Applicants' safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents, and spills;
- (4) Contingency plans to address accidental spills; and
- (5) Likelihood of an accidental release of ozone depleting materials in the event of a collision or derailment.

F. Discuss potential air emissions increases from vehicle delays at rail crossings where the rail crossing is projected to experience an increase in rail traffic over the thresholds described above in Section 5(A) for attainment and maintenance areas, and in Section 5(B) for non-attainment areas, and which have an average daily vehicle traffic level above 5,000. Such increases will be factored into the net emissions estimates for the affected area.

6. Noise

The EIS will:

A. Describe potential noise impacts of the proposed transaction for those areas that exceed the Board's environmental thresholds identified in Section 5A of the Air Quality discussion.

B. Identify whether the proposed transaction-related increases in rail traffic will cause an increase to a noise level of 65 decibels L_{DN} or greater. If so, an estimate of the number of sensitive receptors (e.g., schools and residences) within such areas will be made.

C. Identify transaction-related activities that have the potential to result in an increase in noise level of 3 decibels L_{DN} or more.

7. Biological Resources

The EIS will:

A. Discuss the potential environmental impacts of proposed rail line construction and abandonment projects on federal endangered or threatened species or designated critical habitats.

B. Discuss the effects of proposed rail line construction and abandonment projects on wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, and national or state parks or forests.

8. Water Resources

The EIS will:

A. Discuss whether potential impacts from proposed rail line construction and abandonment projects may be inconsistent with applicable federal or state water quality standards.

B. Discuss whether permits may be required under Sections 404 or 402 of

the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) for any proposed rail line construction and abandonment projects, and whether any such projects have the potential to encroach upon any designated wetlands or 100-year floodplains.

9. Environmental Justice

The EIS will:

A. Report on the demographics in the immediate vicinity of any area where major activity such as an abandonment or construction is proposed.

B. Report on the demographics in the vicinity of rail lines with projected rail traffic increases above eight trains per day.

C. Evaluate whether such activities potentially have a disproportionately high and adverse health effect or environmental impact on any minority or low-income group.

10. Cultural and Historic Resources

The EIS will address potential impacts from proposed rail line construction and abandonment projects on cultural and historic resources that are on, or immediately adjacent to, a railroad right-of-way.

11. Cumulative Effects

The EIS will:

A. Address cumulative effects of environmental impacts that have regional or system-wide ramifications. This analysis will be done for environmental impacts that warrant such analysis given the context and scope of the proposed transaction. The environmental effects to be analyzed include air quality and energy.

B. Evaluate cumulative effects, as appropriate, for other projects or activities that relate to the proposed transaction, where information is provided to the Board that describes (1) those other projects or activities, (2) their interrelationship with the proposed transaction, (3) the type and severity of the potential environmental impacts; and SEA determines that there is the likelihood of significant environmental impacts. This information must be provided to the Board within sufficient time to allow for review and analysis within the schedule for the preparation of the EIS.

C. Discuss the potential environmental impacts of construction or facility modification activities within railroad-owned property affected by the proposed merger, and additional environmental impacts related to the proposed transaction but not subject to Board approval, in order to identify cumulative impacts.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 19, 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, Pub. L. 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.

Financial Management Service (FMS)

OMB Number: 1510-0007.

Form Number: SF 1199A.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form.

Description: The Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form is used by recipients to authorize the deposit of Federal payments into their accounts at financial institutions. This information is used to route the Direct Deposit payment to the correct account at the correct financial institution. It identifies persons who have executed the form.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 2,197,960.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Response/Recordkeeper: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Other (one-time).

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 373,653 hours.

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