

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 33566]

City of Tacoma and Beltline Division of Tacoma Public Utilities; Change in Operator Exemption; Tacoma Eastern Railway Company

City of Tacoma (City), WA,¹ has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 for Beltline Division of Tacoma Public Utilities to operate approximately 131.5 miles of City rail line in Pierce, Thurston, and Lewis Counties, WA: (1) between milepost 2192.0, at Tacoma, and milepost 17.7, at Chehalis; and (2) between milepost 2192.0, at Tacoma, and milepost 64.2, at Morton. The lines have been operated previously by Tacoma Eastern Railway Company.

Because the projected revenues of the rail lines to be operated will exceed \$5 million, City has certified to the Board that the required notice of its change in operators was posted at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines on March 11, 1998. See 49 CFR 1150.42(e). The earliest the transaction can be consummated is May 18, 1998, the effective date of the exemption (60 days after City's March 19, 1998 certification to the Board).²

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding 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. 33566, 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 City of Tacoma, Office of City Attorney, 747 Market Street, Room 1120, Tacoma, WA 98402-3767.

Decided: March 23, 1998.

¹ Applicant represents that the Charter of the City divides its operations into Public Utilities and General Government. The General Government portion of the City evidently owns the lines discussed in this notice and is negotiating with the Public Utilities portion of the City, which is evidently responsible for operations.

² The City's representative has acknowledged by telephone that the earliest the transaction can go forward is May 18, 1998.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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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, Pub. L. 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 Notice of Change in Status of Plant.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 1, 1998 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 Jim Ficareta, Regulations Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Notice of Change in Status of Plant.

OMB Number: 1512-0202.

Form Number: ATF F 5110.34.

Abstract: ATF F 5110.34 is necessary to show the use of distilled spirits plant premises for other activities or by alternating proprietors. It describes the proprietor's use of plant premises and other information to show that the change in plant status is in conformity with laws and regulations.

Current Actions: There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,000.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: March 24, 1998.

William T. Earle,

Assistant Director (Management)/CFO.

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