

Allentown and milepost 95.089 in the vicinity of Lawrence Street and Lehigh Parkway in the township of Salisbury, Lehigh County, Pa. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 18102 and 18103.

RJCN has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on October 8, 1998, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by September 18, 1998. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by September 28, 1998, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Kevin M. Sheys,

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

Oppenheimer Wolff Donnelly & Bayh LLP, 1350 Eye Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005-3324.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

RJCN has filed an environmental report which addresses the effects of the abandonment, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by September 11, 1998. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), RJCN shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by RJCN's filing of a notice of consummation by September 8, 1999, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: September 1, 1998.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; Comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) hereby gives notice that it has sent to the Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) for review an information collection titled Uniform Form for Registration and Amendment to Registration as a Transfer Agent—Form TA-1.

DATES: Comments regarding this information collection are welcome and should be submitted to the OMB Reviewer and the OCC. Comments are due on or before October 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the submission may be obtained by calling the OCC Contact listed. Direct all written comments to the Communications Division, Attention: 1557-0124, Third Floor, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202)874-5274, or by electronic mail to REGS.COMMENTS@OCC.TREAS.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: 1557-0124.

Form Number: TA-1.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection.

Title: Uniform Form for Registration and Amendment to Registration as a Transfer Agent—Form TA-1.

Description: This notice covers a renewal with change of a currently approved information collection titled Uniform Form for Registration and Amendment to Registration as a Transfer Agent—Form TA-1. Section 17A(c) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act), as amended by the Securities Act Amendments of 1975, provides that all those authorized to transfer securities registered under Section 12 of the Act (transfer agents) shall register by filing with the appropriate regulatory agency an application for registration in such form and containing such information and documents as such appropriate regulatory agency may prescribe to be necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this section. Form TA-1 was developed by the OCC, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve to satisfy this statutory requirement. National bank transfer agents use Form TA-1 to register or amend registration as transfer agents. The OCC uses the information to determine whether to allow, deny, accelerate, or postpone an application. An amendment to Form TA-1 must be filed with the OCC within sixty calendar days following the date on which any information reported on Form TA-1 becomes inaccurate, misleading or incomplete. The OCC also uses the data to more effectively schedule and plan

transfer agent examinations. Amendments to Form TA-1 are used by the OCC to schedule and plan examinations. The Securities and Exchange Commission maintains complete files on the registration data of all transfer agents registered pursuant to the Act. It utilizes the data to identify transfer agents and to facilitate development of rules and standards applicable to all registered transfer agents.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit; individuals.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Total Annual Responses: 50.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 25 hours.

OCC Contact: Jessie Gates or Camille Dixon, (202)874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander Hunt, (202)395-7340, Paperwork Reduction Project 1557-0124, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

The OCC may not conduct or sponsor, and respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed revisions to the following collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the OCC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the OCC's estimate of the burden of the information collection as it is proposed to be revised; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: September 1, 1998.

Mark J. Tenhundfeld,

Assistant Director, Legislative & Regulatory Activities Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; 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 comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Today, the Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury solicits comments on the information collection entitled Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before November 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Manager, Dissemination Branch, Records Management and Information Policy, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, Attention 1550-0088. Hand deliver comments to 1700 G Street, NW. from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on business days. Send facsimile transmissions to FAX Number (202) 906-7755 or (202) 906-6956 (if the comment is over 25 pages). E-mail to public.info@ots.treas.gov and include your name and telephone number. Interested persons may inspect comments at 1700 G Street, NW., from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. on business days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry A. Clark, Compliance Policy, Office of Supervision, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 906-5628.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards (12 CFR 572).

OMB Number: 1550-0088.

Form Number: Not Applicable.

Abstract: Savings and Loan

Associations are required by statute and by 12 CFR Part 572 to file reports, make certain disclosures, and keep records regarding flood insurance. Borrowers use the information received from the associations to make valid purchase decisions. OTS uses the records to verify the associations' compliance.

Current Actions: OTS proposes to renew this information collection without revision.

Type of Review: Extension of an already approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or For Profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,182.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 26.25 average hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 31,027.5 hours.

Request for Comments

The OTS will summarize comments submitted in response to this notice or will include these comments in its request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The OTS invites comment 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; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: September 1, 1998.

Catherine C. M. Teti,

Director, Records Management and Information Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 1, 1998.

The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) 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. Interested persons may obtain copies of the submission(s) by calling the OTS Clearance Officer listed. Send comments regarding this information collection to the OMB reviewer listed and to the OTS Clearance Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20552.

OMB Number: 1550-0004.

Form Number: OTS Form 248.

Type of Review: Extension of an already approved collection.

Title: Annual Survey of Deposits; Deposits by Office.

Description: This survey provides deposit data for each thrift office which is essential for OTS' analysis of market share of deposits required in evaluating the competitive impact of mergers, acquisitions, and branching