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An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33737, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Karl Morrell, Esq., Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, NW, Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

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Decided: April 20, 1999.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33736]

New Orleans & Gulf Coast Railway Company—Acquisition Exemption—New Orleans Lower Coast Railroad Company, Inc.

New Orleans & Gulf Coast Railway Company (NOGC),¹ a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from New Orleans Lower Coast Railroad Company, Inc. (NOLR), 23.688-miles of rail line currently owned and operated by NOLR, between milepost 0.312 at Gouldsboro Yard, LA, and milepost 24.0 at Myrtle Grove, LA.²

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after April 15, 1999.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33737, *Rio Grande Pacific Corporation—Continuance in Control Exemption—New Orleans & Gulf Coast Railway Company*, wherein Rio Grande Pacific Corporation will continue in control of NOGC, upon its becoming a Class III rail carrier.

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 does not automatically stay the transaction.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0027]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 28, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Taylor, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0027."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Accrued Benefits by Veteran's Surviving Spouse, Child, or Dependent Parent, VA Form 21-551.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0027.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, for a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: The form is used to apply for accrued benefits withheld during a veteran's hospitalization or domiciliary care. The information is used by VBA to determine a claimant's entitlement to such benefits.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on December 23, 1998 at page 71189.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 33 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time for most beneficiaries.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0027" in any correspondence.

Dated: April 9, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0052]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the

¹ NOGC will be the exclusive operator of the rail line.

² NOGC states that its projected revenues will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and its revenues are not projected to exceed \$5 million.