

1999, OPRC filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152.50 to discontinue service over the line, and RVI filed a notice of exemption to abandon the line. RVI stated in its verified notice of exemption that it should be allowed to abandon the line and either salvage it or permit other interested parties to acquire the line through the offer of financial assistance (OFA) procedures under 49 U.S.C. 10904 and 49 CFR 1152.27. Both notices were rejected because use of the out-of-service class exemption was deemed to be inappropriate for this line in that it would deprive the Board of the opportunity to review the merits of the abandonment and discontinuance. *Railroad Ventures, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—Between Youngstown, OH, and Darlington, PA, in Mahoning and Columbiana Counties, OH, and Beaver County, PA*, STB Docket No. AB-556 (Sub-No. 1X) *et al.* (STB served Jan. 22, 1999). The rejections were without prejudice to the filing of either a petition for exemption or a formal application, provided that, if a petition for exemption were filed, it must contain sufficient information for the Board to determine what rehabilitation is required to restore service, what the costs of rehabilitation would be, and an accurate estimate of the line's revenue potential.³ Then, if the Board determines that the abandonment of the line is warranted by its economics, RVI's willingness to sell to the line through the OFA procedures might be an acceptable approach for resolving the service issues surrounding the line.

The line traverses U.S. Postal Service ZIP Codes: 44501, 44512, 44452, 44408, 45042, 44455, 44441, and 16115. The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in RVI's and OPRC's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set

Railroad Company, STB Finance Docket No. 33385 *et al.* (STB served July 15, 1997), wherein the Board imposed a bi-weekly reporting requirement on RVI in order to monitor the restoration of service and the specific causes of any delays in restoring service.

³ RVI, with OPRC's cooperation, has filed a petition for exemption in response to this requirement. Publication of this notice, however, does not constitute acceptance of RVI's data. The data submitted for projected revenue, maintenance costs, and net liquidation value appear reasonable (although the value of the land may be overstated). Rehabilitation costs were not stated with any certainty. RVI submitted three estimates ranging from approximately \$800,000 to approximately \$4.5 million, but did not explain the discrepancies among them. Also, several rehabilitation items appear questionable (e.g., the need for extensive replacement of cross ties and tie plates, a new bridge, and drainage work at an overpass).

forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting exemption proceedings pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). Official notice will be taken of the records developed in Docket Nos. AB-556 (Sub-No. 1X) and AB-555 (Sub-No. 1X).⁴ A final decision will be issued by September 3, 1999.⁵

Any OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the exemptions. Each offer must be accompanied by a \$1,000 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested parties should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than June 28, 1999. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket Nos. AB-556 (Sub-No. 2X) and AB-555 (Sub-No. 2X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Richard R. Wilson, Vuono & Gray, L.L.C., 2310 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Comments on the proposed abandonment and discontinuance are due June 28, 1999.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment and discontinuance procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1545. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at (202) 565-1695.]

⁴ RVI has asked that the environmental reports filed in the previous proceedings be used here. Because those reports are still current, this request is acceptable. Additionally, RVI has asked to be exempted from the notice requirements of 49 CFR 1152.20 and 1152.21. Because RVI complied with these notice requirements in its previous abandonment request, has served copies of its petition on the parties of record in the previous proceedings, and has stated that it will serve a copy of its petition on any other interested party requesting it, RVI will not be required to republish notice of the proposed abandonment and discontinuance.

⁵ Because the parties and issues in these proceedings are the same, they will be considered on a consolidated basis.

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: June 2, 1999.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 27, 1999.

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, Public Law 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.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 8, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

U.S. Customs Service (CUS)

OMB Number: 1515-0026.

Form Number: Customs Form 3078.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Application for Identification Card.

Description: Customs Form 3078 is used by licensees Cartmen, Lightermen, Warehousemen, brokerage firms, foreign trade zones, container station operators, their employees, and employees requiring access to Customs secure areas to apply for an identification card so that they may legally handle merchandise which is in Customs custody.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 5,250 hours.

OMB Number: 1515-0051.

Form Number: Customs Form 7523.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Entry and Manifest of Merchandise Free of Duty, Carrier's Certificate and Release.

Description: Customs Form 7523 is used by carriers and importers as a manifest for the entry of merchandise free of duty under certain conditions and by Customs to authorize the entry of such merchandise. It is also used by carriers to show that the articles being imported are to be released to the importer or consignee.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,950.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 8,247 hours.

OMB Number: 1515-0052.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Petition for Remission or Mitigation of Forfeitures and Penalties Incurred.

Description: Persons whose property is seized or who incur monetary penalties due to violations of the Tariff Act are entitled to seek remission or mitigation by means of an informal appeal.

Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government, Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 28,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 19 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 6,500 hours.

OMB Number: 1515-0055.

Form Number: Customs Form 3229.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Certificate of Origin.

Description: This certification is required to determine whether an importer is entitled to duty-free entry for goods which are: (1) The growth or product of a U.S. insular possession, or (2) Caribbean Basin Initiative imports.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 22 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 113 hours.

Clearance Officer: J. Edgar Nichols, (202) 927-1426, U.S. Customs Service, Printing and Records Management Branch, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 3.2.C, Washington, DC 20229.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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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 Identification Markings Placed on Firearms, 27 CFR 178.92 and 179.102.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 9, 1999 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 Nicholas Colucci, Public Safety Branch, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8919.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Identification Markings Placed on Firearms, 27 CFR 178.92 and 179.102.

OMB Number: 1512-0550.

Abstract: This information collection implements the regulations of Section 923(i) of the Gun Control Act of 1968. In general, these sections require each licensed manufacturer, or licensed importer of firearms to legibly identify each firearm by engraving, casting, stamping (impressing), or otherwise conspicuously placing on the frame or receiver an individual serial number. The serial number must be placed in a manner not susceptible of being readily obliterated, altered or removed. The regulations also prescribe minimum height and depth requirements for identification markings placed on firearms.

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: 2,506.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,665.

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: May 27, 1999.

William T. Earle,

Assistant Director (Management) CFO.

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