

- require of NHTSA in order to successfully complete the proposed project.
5. Identification of the proposed program coordinator and other key personnel identified for participation in the proposed project effort, including a description of their qualifications, the nature of their contribution, and their respective organizational responsibilities.
  6. A detailed breakdown of the proposed costs, as well the applicant's financial or in-kind resources to the support of the proposed projects.

#### Review Process and Criteria

Initially, all applications will be screened to ensure that they meet the eligibility requirements.

Each complete application from an eligible recipient will then be evaluated by a Technical Evaluation Committee. The applications will be evaluated using the following criteria:

1. The potential of the proposed project effort to significantly increase the enforcement of seat belt laws, with a corresponding increase in seat belt use within the major metropolitan area. (80 percent)

The evaluation will include the proposed strategy for participating in the Operation: America Buckles Up Children (ABC) national seat belt mobilizations and the applicant's proposed strategy to coordinate this effort with other law enforcement agencies with overlapping jurisdictions. The applicant's ability to demonstrate support from local government officials and national organizations will also be considered in evaluating the potential impact of the proposed project. (See Application Contents paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4)

2. The program management experience and technical expertise of the proposed personnel and the financial merit of the proposed project (20 percent)

Program management and technical expertise will be estimated by reviewing the qualifications and experience of the professional team, the various disciplines represented, and the relative level of effort proposed for professional, technical, contractual, and support staff. Consideration will be given to the adequacy of the organizational plan for accomplishing the proposed project effort. Also, the adequacy of the facilities, equipment, and other resources identified to accomplish the proposed project effort will be considered. Financial merit will be estimated by the cost of the cooperative

agreement to be borne by NHTSA and the in-kind contribution provided by the applicant as compared to the anticipated benefits. (See Application Contents paragraphs 5 and 6)

#### Terms and Conditions of Award

1. Prior to award, the recipient must comply with the certification requirements of 49 CFR part 20, Department of Transportation New Restriction on Lobbying, and 49 CFR Part 29, Department of Transportation Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants).
2. During the effective period of the cooperative agreement(s) awarded as a result of this notice, the agreement(s) shall be subject to NHTSA's General Provisions for Assistance Agreements (7/95).
3. Reporting Requirements
  - a. Monthly Reports, which shall be due 15 days after the end of each month, shall be submitted to document project efforts and results. The reports should include up to date information (including summarizing accomplishments, obstacles and problems encountered, noteworthy activities) and should be suitable for public dissemination.
  - b. Final Report: The recipient shall submit a final report summarizing the project effort within 30 days after the completion of the project. The final report will include an evaluation section as proposed in the initial proposal. An original and three copies of each of these reports shall be submitted to the COTR. The recipient shall submit a draft final report to the NHTSA COTR 60 days prior to end of the performance period. The COTR will review the draft report and provide comments to the recipient within 30 days of receipt of the document.
  - c. Briefing to NHTSA: The recipient may be requested to conduct an oral presentation of project activities for the COTR and other interested NHTSA personnel. For planning purposes, assume that these presentations will be conducted at the NHTSA Office of Traffic and Injury Control Programs, Washington, D.C. An original and three copies of briefing materials shall be submitted to the COTR.

Issued on: July 15, 1999.

**Rose A. McMurray,**

*Associate Administrator for Traffic Safety Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33770]

#### Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Trackage Rights Exemption—Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated

Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated (GTW), a wholly owned subsidiary of Canadian National Railway Company (CN), has agreed to grant non-exclusive overhead trackage rights to Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) over a 4.4-mile segment of GTW's Shoreline Subdivision between the proposed CN/Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) <sup>1</sup> connection at approximately milepost 54.6 at Milwaukee Junction in Detroit, MI, and the existing CN connection with NSR at approximately milepost 50.2 at West Detroit, MI. <sup>2</sup>

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or after July 7, 1999, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after notice of the exemption was filed).

The Shoreline Subdivision runs generally north-south through Detroit and connects with NSR, CSXT, and Conrail lines in Detroit. The trackage rights will permit NSR to move

<sup>1</sup> By decision served July 23, 1998, the Board approved, subject to certain conditions, the acquisition of control of Conrail, and the division of the assets thereof, by CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc. (referred to collectively as CSX) and Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (referred to collectively as NS). See *CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc., Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Control and Operating Leases/Agreements—Conrail Inc. and Consolidated Rail Corporation*, STB Finance Docket No. 33388, Decision No. 89 (STB served July 23, 1998). Acquisition of control of Conrail was effected by CSX and NS on August 22, 1998. The division of the assets of Conrail was effected by CSX and NS on June 1, 1999. See *CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc., Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Control and Operating Leases/Agreements—Conrail Inc. and Consolidated Rail Corporation*, STB Finance Docket No. 33388, Decision No. 127 (STB served May 20, 1999). Conrail continues to operate rail properties in Michigan, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

<sup>2</sup> A redacted version of the Trackage Rights Agreement between GTW and NSR was filed with the notice of exemption. The full version of the agreement was concurrently filed under seal along with a motion for a protective order. The motion will be addressed in a separate decision.

overhead traffic more safely, efficiently, and quickly through the Detroit area.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). 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 will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33770, 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 James R. Paschall, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510-2191.

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Decided: July 13, 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 Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 138X)]

#### Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Adams County, CO

On June 30, 1999, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a line of railroad known as the Boulder Branch, from Engineering Station 8+00 to the end of the line at Engineering Station 32+21, a distance of 2,421 feet at Brighton, Adams County, CO. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 80601. There are no stations on the line.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in UP's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

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

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

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by October 18, 1999.

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

All interested persons 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 August 9, 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 No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 138X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Joseph D. Anthofer, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179-0830. Replies to the UP petition are due on or before August 9, 1999.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment 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.]

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.

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Decided: July 12, 1999.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[INTL-941-86 and INTL-655-87]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**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 IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing notice of proposed rulemaking, INTL-941-86, and temporary regulation, INTL-655-87 (TD 8178), Passive Foreign Investment Companies (§§ 1.1294-1T and 1.1297-3T).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 20, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5242, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
*Title:* Passive Foreign Investment Companies.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1028.

*Regulation Project Number:* INTL-941-86 (Notice of Proposed Rulemaking); INTL-655-87 (Temporary regulation).

*Abstract:* These regulations specify how United States persons who are shareholders of passive foreign investment companies (PFICs) make elections with respect to their PFIC stock.

*Current Actions:* There is no change to these existing regulations.