

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Burkes, and Commissioner Clyburn.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33731]

Ellis County Rural Rail Transportation District—Construction and Operation Exemption—Ellis County, TX

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of Exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board conditionally exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 the construction and operation by Ellis County Rural Rail Transportation District of a 4.8-mile line of railroad in Ellis County, TX.

DATES: The exemption will not become effective until the environmental process is completed. Once that process is completed, the Board will issue a further decision addressing the environmental matters and establishing an exemption effective date at that time, if appropriate. Petitions to reopen must be filed by March 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33731, to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Donald G. Avery, 1224 Seventeenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: Da-To-Da Office Solutions, Suite 210, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 289-4357. [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

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Decided: February 8, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0120]

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 March 16, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0120."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Report of Treatment by Attending Physician, VA FL 29-551a.
OMB Control Number: 2900-0120.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This form letter is used to collect information from attending physician to determine the insured's eligibility for disability insurance 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 September 23, 1999, at page 51586.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 5,069 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,277.

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. 2900-0120" in any correspondence.

Dated: December 30, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sandra S. McIntyre,

Information Management Service.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for Supplementary Information on Medical and Nonmedical Application, VA Form Letter 29-615.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0131.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The form letter is used by the policyholder to apply for new issue, reinstatement or change of plan on Government Life Insurance. 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