

## MODIFICATIONS TO EXEMPTIONS—Continued

| Application No. | Applicant   | Reason for delay | Estimated date of completion |
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| 11406-M .....   | Conf. of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc., Frankfort, KY ..... | 4                | 04/28/2000                   |
| 11769-M .....   | Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR .....                      | 4                | 04/28/2000                   |
| 11769-M .....   | Great Western Chemical Company, Protland, OR .....                      | 4                | 02/28/2000                   |
| 11903-M .....   | Comptank Corporation, Bothwell, Ontario, CA .....                       | 4                | 04/28/2000                   |
| 11942-M .....   | Niklor Chemical Company, Long Beach, CA .....                           | 4                | 04/28/2000                   |
| 12069-M .....   | Compagnie des Containers Reservoirs, Paris, FR .....                    | 4                | 03/31/2000                   |
| 12074-M .....   | Van Hool NV, B-2500 Lier Koningshooikt, BG .....                        | 1                | 04/28/2000                   |
| 12178-M .....   | STC Technologies, Inc., Bethlehem, PA .....                             | 1                | 04/28/2000                   |

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33556 (Sub-No. 4).]<sup>1</sup>

**Canadian National Railway Company, Grand Trunk Corporation, and Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated—Control—Illinois Central Corporation, Illinois Central Railroad Company, Chicago, Central and Pacific Railroad Company, and Cedar River Railroad Company (General Oversight)**

**ACTION:** Decision No. 1; Notice of general oversight proceeding, and request for comments from interested persons on the progress of implementation of the CN/IC transaction and the workings of the various conditions imposed.

**SUMMARY:** In 1999, in *Canadian National Railway Company, Grand Trunk Corporation, and Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated—Control—Illinois Central Corporation, Illinois Central Railroad Company, Chicago, Central and Pacific Railroad Company, and Cedar River Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 33556, Decision No. 37 (STB served May 25, 1999) (*CN/IC Dec. No. 37*), we approved, subject to various conditions (including a 5-year general oversight condition): (1) the acquisition, by Canadian National Railway Company, Grand Trunk Corporation, and Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated (collectively, CN), of control of Illinois Central Corporation, Illinois Central Railroad Company, Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad Company, and Cedar River Railroad Company (collectively, IC), and (2) the integration of the rail operations of CN and IC. We are now instituting a proceeding to implement the general oversight condition imposed in *CN/IC Dec. No. 37*. We are requiring

Canadian National Railway Company (CNR) to file a progress report respecting the CN/IC transaction and to make certain data available to interested persons. We are inviting interested persons to submit comments on the progress of implementation of the CN/IC transaction and the conditions we imposed.

**DATES:** CNR must file a progress report by July 3, 2000, and must make CN/IC's 100% traffic waybill tapes available to interested persons by July 17, 2000. Comments of interested persons will be due on August 18, 2000. Replies will be due on September 5, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** An original and 25 copies of all documents must refer to STB Finance Docket No. 33556 (Sub-No. 4) and must be sent to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, Attn: STB Finance Docket No. 33556 (Sub-No. 4), 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each document filed in this proceeding must be sent to CNR's representative: Paul A. Cunningham, HARKINS CUNNINGHAM, 801 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20004-2664.

In addition to submitting an original and 25 copies of all paper documents filed with the Board, parties must also submit, on 3.5-inch IBM-compatible floppy diskettes (disks) or compact discs (CDs), one electronic copy of each such document (e.g., textual materials, electronic workpapers, data bases and spreadsheets used to develop quantitative evidence) and must clearly label pleadings and attachments and the corresponding disks/CDs with an identification acronym and pleading number.<sup>2</sup> Textual materials must be in, or convertible by and into, WordPerfect 7.0. Electronic spreadsheets must be in some version of Lotus, Excel, or Quattro

Pro. Parties may individually seek a waiver from the disk/CD requirement.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Julia M. Farr, (202) 565-1613. [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In *CN/IC Dec. No. 37*, we established general oversight for a period of up to 5 years so that we might assess the competitiveness of service provided by CN/IC and KCS under the Alliance Agreement<sup>3</sup> and the effectiveness of the various conditions we imposed. We reserved jurisdiction to implement the oversight condition and, if necessary, to impose additional conditions and/or to take other action if, and to the extent, we determined that it was necessary to impose additional conditions and/or to take other action to address matters respecting the CN/IC control transaction, including without limitation: (a) Concerns regarding the operation of the Alliance Agreement, particularly with respect to ongoing competition within the Baton Rouge-New Orleans corridor; (b) concerns of North Dakota grain shippers with respect to the Chicago gateway; (c) concerns with respect to investment in and operation of the Detroit River Tunnel; (d) concerns with respect to any merger-related link to any unfair pricing practices in the lumber industry; (e) concerns with respect to lack of appropriate labor protective conditions if unauthorized control of CN/IC and KCS should occur; and (f) any necessary monitoring of our environmental mitigating conditions. See *CN/IC Dec. No. 37*, slip op. at 8 (item 8), 39-40, 56 (ordering paragraph 1).

We are now instituting this proceeding to implement the general oversight condition imposed in *CN/IC*

<sup>1</sup> A copy of this decision is being served on all persons designated as POR, MOC, or GOV on the service list in STB Finance Docket No. 33556.

<sup>2</sup> A copy of each such disk or CD should be provided to any other party upon request.

<sup>3</sup> In *CN/IC Dec. No. 37*: The Kansas City Southern Railway Company and Gateway Western Railway Company, and all other wholly owned (directly or indirectly) subsidiaries of Kansas City Southern Industries, Inc., were referred to collectively as KCS; and a settlement agreement entered into on April 15, 1998, by CN, IC, and KCS was variously referred to as the Alliance Agreement or, on occasion, the CN/IC/KCS Alliance Agreement.

*Dec. No. 37.*<sup>4</sup> We invite information from interested persons as to both the status of implementation of the CN/IC transaction and the effects of the various conditions we imposed.

We are requiring CNR to file, by July 3, 2000, a progress report respecting implementation of the CN/IC transaction. This progress report should contain an in-depth analysis of implementation of the transaction and of the workings of the various conditions. We are further requiring CNR to make CN/IC's 100% traffic waybill tapes available by July 17, 2000, to those interested persons who have entered the appropriate confidentiality agreement pursuant to the protective order discussed below. These tapes should include the most up-to-date data then accessible by CNR.

We are directing that interested persons submit, by August 18, 2000, any comments respecting the progress of implementation of the CN/IC transaction and the workings of the various conditions we imposed. Replies to comments must be submitted by September 5, 2000.

*Protective Order.* Parties may submit filings (including electronic submissions contained on disks and CDs), as appropriate, under seal marked Confidential or Highly Confidential pursuant to the protective order entered in STB Finance Docket No. 33556 in Decision No. 1 (served Feb. 26, 1998), as modified in certain respects in Decision No. 36 (served Apr. 6, 1999).<sup>5</sup> Waybill files made available to interested persons will be subject to this protective order.

*Service List.* A copy of this decision is being served on all persons designated as POR, MOC, or GOV on the service list in STB Finance Docket No. 33556. This decision will serve as notice that persons who were parties of record in STB Finance Docket No. 33556 will not automatically be placed on the service list as parties of record in the STB Finance Docket No. 33556 (Sub-No. 4) general oversight proceeding. Any persons interested in being on the STB Finance Docket No. 33556 (Sub-No. 4) service list and receiving copies of CNR's filings relating to the general

oversight proceeding must send us written notification with copies to CNR's representative.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Decided: March 3, 2000.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request For Forms 8109, 8109-B, and 8109-C

**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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Forms 8109 and 8109-B, Federal Tax Deposit Coupon, and Form 8109-C, FTD Address Change.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 8, 2000 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 form(s) and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Federal Tax Deposit Coupon (Forms 8109 and 8109-B) and FTD Address Change (Form 8109-C).

*OMB Number:* 1545-0257.

*Form Numbers:* 8109, 8109-B, and 8109-C.

*Abstract:* Federal tax deposit coupons (Forms 8109 and 8109-B) are used by

taxpayers to deposit certain types of taxes at authorized depositories or in certain Federal Reserve Banks. Form 8109-C, FTD Address Change, is used to change the address on the FTD coupon. The information on the deposit coupon is used by the IRS to monitor compliance with the deposit rules and insure that taxpayers are depositing the proper amounts within the proper time periods with respect to the different taxes imposed by the Internal Revenue Code.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the forms at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, farms, not-for-profit institutions, and Federal, state, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 62,513,333.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 2 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,841,607.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

#### 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.

<sup>4</sup> We are establishing a procedural schedule similar to that imposed in *Union Pacific Corporation, Union Pacific Railroad Company, and Missouri Pacific Railroad Company—Control and Merger—Southern Pacific Rail Corporation, Southern Pacific Transportation Company, St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company, SPCSL Corp., and The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company (General Oversight)*, STB Finance Docket No. 32760 (Sub-No. 21).

<sup>5</sup> Parties submitting filings under seal will be expected to file redacted versions that will be placed in the public docket.