

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board****[STB Finance Docket No. 33906]****Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad Co., Inc.—Operation Exemption—Lackawanna County Railroad Authority**

Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad Co., Inc (D-L), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to operate 4.96 route miles of track (track) in Lackawanna County, PA, under contract with Lackawanna County Railroad Authority (LCRA). The track consists of two small segments described as follows: (1) The Diamond Branch, of the former Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad (DL&W), extending 0.85 miles from milepost 144.75 to milepost 145.6, in Scranton; and (2) the Laurel Line, of the former DL&W, extending 4.11 miles from LC 6253 milepost 0.7 (South Abutment of Roaring Brook Bridge) to milepost 4.81, at Montage Road, in the Borough of Moosic.¹

This transaction is related to a simultaneously filed verified notice of exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 33905, *Lackawanna County Railroad Authority—Acquisition Exemption—F&L Realty, Inc.*, wherein LCRA seeks to acquire the track being operated by D-L.

The parties report that they intend to consummate the transaction on or about July 28, 2000. The earliest the transaction can be consummated is July 24, 2000, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

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.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33906, 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 Keith G. O'Brien, Esq., Rea, Cross & Auchincloss, 1707 L Street, NW., Suite 570, Washington, DC 20036.

¹ According to the verified notice of exemption, Pocono Northeast Railway, a now defunct corporate affiliate of F&L Realty, Inc., formerly provided service over the track but stopped providing that service some years ago without obtaining any regulatory approval.

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Dated: Decided: July 21, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**Disciplinary Appeals Board Panel**

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice with request for comments.

SUMMARY: Section 203 of the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Personnel Act of 1991 (Pub. L. 102-40), dated May 7, 1991, revised the disciplinary, grievance and appeal procedures for employees appointed under 38 U.S.C. 7401(1). It also required the periodic designation of employees of the Department who are qualified to serve on Disciplinary Appeals Board. These employees constitute the Disciplinary Appeals Board Panel from which Board members in a case are appointed. This notice announces that the roster of employees on the panel is available for review and comment. Employees, employee organizations, and other interested parties shall be provided (without charge) a list of the names of employees on the panel upon request and may submit comments concerning the suitability for service on the panel of any employee whose name is on the list.

DATES: Names that appear on the panel may be selected to serve on a Board or as a grievance examiner after August 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send requests for the list of the names of employees on the panel and written comments to: The Secretary of Veterans Affairs (051), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or fax your request to (202) 273-9776.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Ables or Douglas Katcher, Employee Relations Specialists (051), Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-9816.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pub. L. 102-40 requires that the availability of the roster be posted in the **Federal Register** periodically, and not less than annually.

Approved: July 13, 2000.

Togo D. West, Jr.,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program Between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury**

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of computer matching program.

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) propose to conduct a computer matching program. The purpose of the program is to locate taxpayers who owe delinquent debts to the Federal Government as a result of their participation in benefit programs (including health care) administered by VA. Once located, VA will pursue collection of debts through voluntary payments. If such payments are not forthcoming, VA may seek involuntary collection under the provisions of the Debt Collection Act of 1982, as amended.

The legal authority for undertaking this matching program is contained in the Internal Revenue Code at 26 U.S.C. 6103(m)(2)(A). VA and IRS have concluded an agreement to conduct the matching program pursuant to provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended [5 U.S.C. 552a(o)]. IRS will act as recipient (*i.e.*, matching) agency. VA will provide a tape extract to IRS that contains the Name Control (the first four characters of the surname) and social security number (SSN) of each record subject. IRS will compare the tape extract against its databases of taxpayers who have filed Federal individual income tax returns, establishing "hits" (*i.e.*, individuals common to both tapes) on the basis of matched SSNs and Name Controls. For each hit, IRS will disclose to VA the following information: Name Control, SSN and latest street address, P.O. Box or other address furnished by the taxpayer.

Records to be Matched: The systems of records maintained by the respective agencies from which records will be disclosed for the purpose of this computer match are as follows:

IRS: Individual Master File (IMF), Treasury/IRS 24.030, containing millions of records of taxpayers who

have filed Federal individual income tax returns. A full description of the system of records was last published at 63 FR 42908 (August 11, 1998).

VA: Accounts Receivable Records-VA (88VA244) containing records of approximately 200,000 debtors. Disclosure will be made under routine use No. 18 of that system, a full description of which was last published at 63 FR 16864 on April 6, 1998.

The matching program is expected to begin on or about August 28, 2000, and continue in effect for 18 months. The agreement governing the matching program may be extended an additional 12 months with the respective approval of VA's and the Department of the Treasury's Data Integrity Boards. Such extension must occur within 3 months prior to expiration of the 18-month period set forth above and under the terms set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(D).

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, suggestions, or objections regarding the proposal to conduct the matching program to the Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Room 1154, Washington, D.C. 20420. All relevant material received before August 28, 2000 will be considered. All written comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Gottsacker, Debt Management Center (389/00A), Department of Veterans Affairs, Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota 55111, (612) 970-5700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information is required by the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended [(5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(12)]. A copy of this notice has been provided to both Houses of Congress and OMB.

Approved: July 12, 2000.

Togo D. West, Jr.,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program Between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the United States Postal Service

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of computer matching program.

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the United States Postal Service (USPS) propose to conduct a computer matching program. The purpose of the match is to identify and locate USPS employees who owe delinquent debts to the Federal Government as a result of their participation in benefit programs administered by VA. Once identified and located, VA will pursue collection of debts through voluntary payments. If such payments are not forthcoming, VA may request USPS to offset up to 15 percent of the employees' disposable pay as authorized under the provisions of the Debt Collection Act of 1982.

The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 [as codified at 5 U.S.C. 5514(a)] requires Federal creditor agencies to participate in computer matching to identify Federal employees who are delinquent in repayment of debts owed those agencies. VA and USPS have conducted an agreement to conduct the matching program pursuant to provisions to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a(o)). USPS will act as recipient (*i.e.*, matching) agency. VA will provide a tape extract to USPS containing the name and social security number (SSN) of each record subject. USPS will compare the tape extract against its database of employee records, establishing "hits" (*i.e.*, individuals common to both tapes) on the basis of matched SSNs. For each hit, USPS will disclose to VA the following information: Name, SSN, home address, and employee type (permanent or temporary).

Records to be Matched: The systems of records maintained by the respective agencies from which records will be disclosed for this computer match are as follows:

USPS: Finance Records-Payroll System (USPS 050.020) containing records of approximately 800,000 employees. Disclosure will be made under routine use 24 of that system, a full description of which was last published at 57 FR 57515 (December 4, 1992).

VA: Accounts Receivable Records-VA (88VA244) containing records of approximately 200,000 debtors.

Disclosure will be made under routine use No. 7 of that system, a full description of which was last published in 63 FR 16864 on April 6, 1998.

The matching program is expected to begin on or about August 28, 2000, and continue in effect for 18 months. The agreement governing the matching program may be extended an additional 12 months with the respective approval of VA's and USPS' Data Integrity Boards. Such extension must occur within 3 months prior to expiration of the 18-month period set forth above and under the terms set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(D).

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, suggestions, or objections regarding the proposal to conduct the matching program to the Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420. All relevant material received before August 28, 2000 will be considered. All written comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20420, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Schultz, Debt Management Center (389), Department of Veterans Affairs, Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota 55111, (612) 970-5700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information is required by the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(12)). A copy of this notice has been provided to both Houses of Congress and OMB.

Approved: July 17, 2000.

Togo D. West, Jr.,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974, New System of Records: Agency-Initiated Personnel Actions (Title 38)—VA (102VA05)

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is proposing a new system of records entitled Agency-Initiated Personnel Actions (Title 38)—VA (102VA05). VA