

SUMMARY: The Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) hereby gives notice that the Integrity Management Communication Team will meet to discuss the content and delivery of pipeline information to be conveyed to local officials and members of the public in or near high consequence areas.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public may attend the meeting at the Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 6200 Washington, DC 20590. An opportunity will be provided for the public to make short statements on the topics under discussion. Anyone wishing to make an oral statement or to participate by conference call should notify Mary Jo Cooney, (202) 366-4774, or Christina Sames, (202) 366-4561, no later than September 7, 2000. Those wishing to make an oral statement must notify OPS of the topic of the statement and the time requested for the presentation. Those wishing to participate by conference call will be notified of the call-in number prior to the meeting.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities: For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance during the telephone conference calls, contact Mary-Jo Cooney at (202) 366-4774.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Jo Cooney, OPS, (202) 366-4774, or Christina Sames, OPS, (202) 366-4561.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background Information

In connection with the proposed rule on Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas, OPS plans to propose related rules governing operator communications with local public officials and agencies. To assist in this effort, the OPS Technical Advisory Committees created an Integrity Management Communications Subcommittee to focus on communications issues and to report back to the full Advisory Committee. OPS expanded this Subcommittee to form a team with equal representation from the public, government agencies, and the pipeline industry, and to consolidate several related efforts.

The Team will provide feedback, insight, and information to the Advisory Committee on the content and delivery of information conveyed to local officials and the public about pipeline operations, systems, and the risks they

pose in or near high consequence areas. The Advisory Committee will provide pipeline communication recommendations to OPS for consideration in drafting the Integrity Management Communications rulemaking. The Team will also assist OPS in finalizing a primer to educate local officials on pipelines and their operations.

The topics for discussion for this meeting include discussions of the following: Information that is needed by various groups: landowners/tenants along pipeline rights-of-way; local and regional emergency response officials; excavators and the general public; review of existing materials used by pipeline operators for public education; results from a public awareness survey conducted by the American Petroleum Institute and focus groups sponsored by the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America; Office of Pipeline Safety website materials; information currently available under the Freedom of Information Act; and pending pipeline legislative proposals for community right-to-know.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 31, 2000.

Jeffrey D. Wiese,

Manager, Program Development, Office of Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33917]

Canton Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Canton Railroad Company (CTN) over approximately 150 feet of NS' track within its existing right-of-way, being four crossover tracks located between Stations 74+40 and 178+73, on the Southern Bear Creek Branch, and connecting CTN's East Main and West Main, in Baltimore City, MD.¹

CTN reported that it intends to consummate the transaction on September 1, 2000, or as soon thereafter

¹ A redacted version of the trackage rights agreement between NS and CTN was filed with the notice of exemption. The full version of the agreement, as required by 49 CFR 1180.6(a)(7)(ii), was concurrently filed under seal along with a motion for a protective order. A protective order was served on August 30, 2000.

as the parties may agree or notices to labor may be effective.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to permit CTN to facilitate a more efficient operation of a coal exporting facility served by NS in Baltimore. CTN states that it currently operates over NS' right-of-way at this location pursuant to local operating agreements relating to the yard operations of both railroads. The trackage rights will also allow rail traffic to move more expeditiously in the eastern Maryland region.

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 it 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. 33917, 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, one copy of each pleading must be served on Weston A. Park, P.O. Box 28364, 8424 Old Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21234.

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

Decided: August 31, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

[Docket No. BTS-99-5889]

Motor Carrier Financial and Operating Information; Requests for Exemptions From Public Release of Reports

AGENCY: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Class I and Class II motor carriers of property and household goods are required to file annual and quarterly reports with the Bureau of

Transportation Statistics (BTS). As provided by statute, carriers may request that their reports be withheld from public release. BTS is inviting comments on requests from several carriers, which had previously sought exemptions from public release and are now providing additional information or are requesting reconsideration of BTS's decision on their petitions.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by October 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the DOT Dockets Management System. You may send them by mail or in person to the Docket Clerk, Docket No. BTS-99-5889, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. If you wish to file comments using the Internet, you may use the DOT Dockets Management System website at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Please follow the instructions online for more information.

Comments should identify the docket number and be submitted in duplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the Department to acknowledge receipt of their comments must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: Comments on Docket BTS-99-5889. The Docket Clerk will date stamp the postcard and mail it back to the commenter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Mednick, K-1, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366-8871; fax: (202) 366-3640; e-mail: david.mednick@bts.gov.

Request for Comments

BTS invites comments on the following:

- Clarksville Refrigerated Lines, Inc.—Reply to Request for Additional Information.
- Drug Transport, Inc.—Request for Reconsideration and Reply to Request for More Information.
- Schneider Transport, Inc., Schneider Tank Lines, Inc., Schneider National Carriers, Inc., Schneider National Bulk Carriers, Inc., Schneider Specialized Carriers, Inc.—Supplemental Request for Reconsideration.

You must use the DOT Dockets Management System if you wish to comment on these documents. Please follow the instructions listed above under **ADDRESSES**. You can also use the Dockets Management System to read related background information, such as

the carriers' original exemption requests, comments submitted in regards to their requests, and BTS's initial decisions.

Rick Kowalewski,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0001]

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 October 10, 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. 2900-0001."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Veteran's Application for Compensation and/or Pension, VA Form 21-526.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0001.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This form is used as an original application for veterans to apply for compensation and/or pension 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 May 30, 2000, at page 34531.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 592,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 90 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 395,000.

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. 2900-0001" in any correspondence.

Dated: August 11, 2000.

By direction of the Acting Secretary:

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0025]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of Information and Technology, 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 Office of Information and Technology, 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 October 10, 2000.

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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. 2900-0025" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for and Consent to Release of Information from Claimant's Records, VA Form 3288.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0025.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.