

with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on November 7, 2000, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by October 16, 2000. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by October 26, 2000, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Karl Morell, Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F St., NW, Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

SKO has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by October 11, 2000. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling

<sup>1</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>2</sup> Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

SEA, at (202) 565-1545. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), SKO shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by SKO's filing of a notice of consummation by October 6, 2001, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Decided: September 29, 2000.

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-303 (Sub-No. 25X)]

#### Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Abandonment Exemption—In Langlade, Menominee and Shawano Counties, WI

On September 19, 2000, Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL) 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. 10903-05<sup>1</sup> to abandon a line of railroad known as the White Lake-Shawano Line, between milepost 280 north of White Lake and milepost 314.3 north of Shawano, in Langlade, Menominee, and Shawano Counties, WI, a distance of 34.3 miles. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 54491, 54150, 54128, and 54166, and includes stations at White Lake (milepost 282.8), Neopit (milepost 296.8), Gresham (milepost 306.6), and Thornton (milepost 312.6).

The line does contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in WCL's possession

<sup>1</sup> WCL's petition states that it seeks exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903-05, thus evidently including exemption from the offer of financial assistance (OFA) requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10904 and the public use requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10905. WCL has not submitted evidence to establish that the proposed exemptions from sections 10904 and 10905 meet the criteria of 49 U.S.C. 10502. Therefore, its request as to those two provisions will not be considered.

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 January 5, 2001.

Any 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 OFA 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 October 26, 2000. 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-303 (Sub-No. 25X) 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) Michael J. Barron, Jr., P.O. Box 5062, Rosemont, IL 60017-5062. Replies to the WCL petition are due on or before October 26, 2000.

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 1-800-877-8339.]

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.

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

Decided: September 26, 2000.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 28, 2000.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before November 6, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

#### Customs Service (CUS)

*OMB Number:* 1515-002.

*Form Number:* Customs Form 4315.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Application for Allowance in Duties.

*Description:* This collection is required by the Customs Service in instances of claims of damaged or defective merchandise on which an allowance in duty is made in the liquidation of the entry. The information is used to substantiate importers claims for such duty allowances.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 8 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 1,600 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* J. Edgar Nichols (202) 927-1426, U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Branch, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 3.2.C, Washington, DC 20229.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management

and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Lois K. Holland,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Secretary

#### List of Countries Requiring Cooperation With an International Boycott

In order to comply with the mandate of section 999(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Department of the Treasury is publishing a current list of countries which may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

On the basis of the best information currently available to the Department of the Treasury, the following countries may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986): Bahrain, Iraz, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates, Republic of Yemen.

Dated: September 29, 2000.

**Philip West,**

*International Tax Counsel (Tax Policy).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

#### Performance Review Board— Appointment of Members

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** General Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the appointment of the members of the United States Customs Service Performance Review Boards (PRB's) in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4). The purpose of the PRB's is to review senior executives' performance appraisals and to make recommendations regarding performance appraisals and performance awards.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2000.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert M. Smith, Assistant Commissioner, Human Resources Management, United States Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 2.4-A, Washington, DC 20229; Telephone (202) 927-1250.

#### Background

There are two (2) PRB's in the U.S. Customs Service.

#### Performance Review Board 1

The purpose of this Board is to review the performance appraisals of senior executives rated by the Commissioner of Customs. The members are:

Donnie Carter, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Enforcement Field Operations, East, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury

Anna Fay Dixon, Director, Office of Finance and Administration, Office of the Under Secretary for Enforcement, Department of the Treasury

Jane Sullivan, Director, Office of Information Resources Management, Department of the Treasury

Kenneth Papaj, Deputy Commissioner, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury

Jackquelyn Fletcher, Associate Director/CIO, U.S. Mint, Department of the Treasury

#### Performance Review Board 2

The purpose of this Board is to review the performance appraisals of all senior executives except those rated by the Commissioner of Customs. The members are:

William F. Riley, Director, Office of Planning, Office of the Commissioner Assistant Commissioners:  
Douglas M. Browning, International Affairs

Marjorie L. Budd, Training and Development

S.W. Hall, Information and Technology/CIO

C. Wayne Hamilton, Finance/CFO  
William A. Keefer, Internal Affairs  
Stuart P. Seidel, Regulations and Rulings

Robert M. Smith, Human Resources Management

Lance S. Statler, Congressional Affairs  
Bonni G. Tischler, Field Operations

Dated: October 2, 2000.

**Raymond W. Kelly,**

*Commissioner of Customs.*

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