

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-88 (Sub-No. 10X)]

Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad Co.—Abandonment Exemption—in Armstrong and Butler Counties, PA

Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad Company (B&LE) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances* to abandon and discontinue service over its line of railroad known as the Western Allegheny Branch, extending from Station 1400+80 East to End of Track, at Station 2460+98, in Armstrong and Butler Counties, PA, a distance of 20.1 miles (line). The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 16025, 16028, 16041, and 16061.

B&LE has certified that: (1) No local traffic has been handled over the line for at least 2 years; (2) no overhead traffic has been handled over the line for at least 2 years; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government agency acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line is either pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or 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 9, 2000, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve

environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by October 20, 2000. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by October 30, 2000, with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Thomas R. Ogoreuc, Esq., Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad Company, 135 Jamison Lane, Monroeville, PA 15146. If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

B&LE 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 16, 2000. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling 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), B&LE 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 B&LE's filing of a notice of consummation by October 10, 2001, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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

Decided: September 28, 2000.

¹ 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.

² 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).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, FinCEN invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on a proposed information collection contained in a new form, "Registration of Money Services Business." The form will be used by check cashers, currency exchangers, money order and traveler's check businesses, and money transmitters to register with the Department of the Treasury as required by statute. This request for comments is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 11, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to: Office of Chief Counsel, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, Suite 200, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna, VA 22182-2536. *Attention:* PRA Comments—Registration of Money Services Business. Comments also may be submitted by electronic mail to the following Internet address: "regcomments@fincen.treas.gov" with the caption in the body of the text, "*Attention:* PRA Comments—Registration of Money Services Business."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Eileen Mayer, Special Assistant to the Director, (202) 354-6400, or Cynthia Clark, Deputy Chief Counsel, FinCEN, and Christine Schuetz, Attorney-Advisor, FinCEN, at 703-905-3590. A copy of the form may be obtained through the Internet at <http://www.treas.gov/fincen>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Registration of Money Services Business.

OMB Number: Unassigned.

Form Number: TD F 90-22.55.

Abstract: 31 U.S.C. 5330, a part of the Bank Secrecy Act,¹ requires money services businesses to register with the Department of the Treasury and maintain a list of their agents.² Money services businesses include certain (i) check cashers, (ii) currency exchangers, (iii) issuers, sellers, and redeemers of money orders, (iv) issuers, sellers, and redeemers of traveler's checks, and (v) money transmitters. See 31 CFR 103.11(uu).

On August 20, 1999, the Department of the Treasury issued a final rule regarding the registration of money services businesses (64 FR 4538). Under the final rule, money services businesses must register with the Department of the Treasury and renew their registration every two years. 31 CFR 103.41. Registration will be made by filing a new form TD F 90-22.55, Registration of Money Services Business. Agents of money services businesses are not required to register regardless of the dollar volume of their money services activities unless they engage in money service activities both

on their own behalf and as an agent of others.

The information collected on the new form is required to comply with 31 U.S.C. 5330 and its implementing regulations. The information will be used to assist supervisory and law enforcement agencies in the enforcement of criminal, tax, and regulatory laws and to prevent money services businesses from use by those engaging in money laundering. The collection of information is mandatory.

Money services businesses are advised that the draft form that appears at the end of this notice is presented only for purposes of soliciting public comment on the form. They should not try to use the draft form to register with Treasury. A final version of the form will be made available at a later date to be used for registration.

Type of Review: New information collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8500.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 8500.³

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: Reporting average of 30 minutes per response; recordkeeping average of 15 minutes per response. Estimated total annual burden hours: Reporting burden of 4250 hours; recordkeeping burden of 2125 hours, for an estimated combined total of 6375 hours.⁴

³The estimated number of responses is for the year in which a registration form must be filed; because the form is generally required to be filed only every other year, the estimated annual number of responses would be lower.

⁴The estimated burden is for the year in which a registration form must be filed; because the form is generally required to be filed only every other year, the estimated annual burden would be lower.

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. Records required to be retained under the Bank Secrecy Act must be retained for five years. Generally, information collected pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act is confidential, but may be shared as provided by law with regulatory and law enforcement authorities.

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.

Dated: September 29, 2000.

James F. Sloan,

Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

Attachment: Registration of Money Services Business Form TD F 90-22.55

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¹The Bank Secrecy Act, Titles I and II of Pub. L. 91-508, as amended, codified at 12 U.S.C. 1829b, 12 U.S.C. 1951-1959, and 31 U.S.C. 5311-5330, authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, *inter alia*, to issue regulations requiring records and reports that are determined to have a high degree of usefulness in criminal, tax, and regulatory matters. Regulations implementing Title II of the Bank Secrecy Act (codified at 31 U.S.C. 5311-5330) appear at 31 CFR part 103. The authority of the Secretary to administer Title II of the Bank Secrecy Act has been delegated to the Director of FinCEN.

²Section 5330 was added to the Bank Secrecy Act by section 408 of the Money Laundering Suppression Act of 1994, Title IV of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994, Public Law 103-325 (September 23, 1994).

28 Name of bank or other depository institution where primary transaction account for Money Services Business activities is held

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29 Bank address (Number, Street, and Suite No.)

30 City	31 State	32 Zip Code	33 Primary Transaction Account number at bank

Part IV Location of Supporting Documentation If kept at the U.S. location reported in Part I, check here, and leave the rest of this part blank.

34 Address (Number, Street, and Apt. or Suite No.)

35 City	36 State	37 Zip Code

Part V Authorized Signature

38 I am authorized to file this form on behalf of the money services business listed in Part I. I declare that the information provided is true, correct and complete, and I understand that the registered money services business listed in Part I is subject to the Bank Secrecy Act and its implementing regulations. See 31 CFR Part 103. The registered money services business maintains a current list of all agents, an estimate of its business volume in the coming year, and all other information required to comply with 31 U.S.C. 5330 and the regulations thereunder.

Sign Here  _____
 Print Name of Owner or Controlling Person Signature of Owner or Controlling Person

39 Date Signed	40 Title of signer
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PRIVACY ACT NOTIFICATION

Pursuant to the requirements of Public Law 93-579 (Privacy Act of 1974), notice is hereby given that, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e), the authority to collect information on TD F 90-22.55 is Public Law 103-305; 31 USC 5330; 5 USC 301; 31 CFR 103.

The principal purpose for collecting the information is to assure maintenance of reports or records where such reports or records have a high degree of usefulness in criminal, tax, or regulatory investigations or proceedings. The information collected may be provided to those officers and employees of any constituent unit of the Department of the Treasury who have a need for the records in the performance of their duties. The records may be referred to any other department or agency of the United States, to any State, or Tribal Government, or part thereof, upon the request of the head of such department or agency, or authorized State or Tribal Government official for use in a criminal, tax, or regulatory investigation or proceeding, and to foreign governments in accordance with an agreement, or a treaty. Disclosure of this information is mandatory. Civil and criminal penalties, including in certain circumstances a fine of not more than \$5,000 per day and imprisonment of not more than five years, are provided for failure to file the form, supply information requested by the form, and for filing a false or fraudulent form. Disclosure of the Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number is mandatory. The authority to collect is 31 CFR 103. The Social Security Number/Taxpayer Identification Number will be used as a means to identify the individual or entity who files the report.

General Instructions

All fields must be completed in their entirety.

When to File

Initial Registration: Item 2a. File the form by December 31, 2001 or within 180 days after the business begins operations, whichever is later.

2-Year Update: Item 2b. File the form not later than December 31 of the second calendar year in each two year registration period. See 31 CFR 103.41(b)(2).

Corrects Prior Filing: Item 2c. File this form to correct a prior report. Complete Part I in its entirety and only those other entries that are being amended. Staple a copy of the prior report (or the acknowledgement from DCC if received) to the corrected report.

Refiling: Item 2d. Refile the form if:

- 1 there has been a change in ownership requiring re-registration under state registration law;
 - 2 more than 10 percent of voting power or equity interest has been transferred (except certain publicly-traded companies);
 - 3 or the number of agents has increased by more than 50 percent.
- See 31 CFR 103.41(b)(4).

Who should file:

Each money services business, except one that is a money services business solely because it serves as an agent of another money services business, must register. Money services businesses include:

- money transmitters;
- currency exchangers (except those who do not exchange more than \$1,000 for any one customer on any day);
- check cashers (except those who do not cash checks totaling more than \$1,000 for any one customer on any day);
- issuers of traveler's checks or money orders (except those who do not issue more than \$1,000 in traveler's checks or money orders for any one customer on any day);
- sellers or redeemers of traveler's checks or money orders (except for those who do not sell or redeem more than \$1,000 in traveler's checks or money orders for any one customer on any day).

See 31 CFR 103.11(n)(uu).

Excluded from the registration requirement are the United States Postal Service, any agency of the United States, of any state or of any political subdivision of any state. At this time, persons are not required to register to the extent that they issue, sell or redeem stored value. If, however, a money services business provides money services in addition to stored value, the provision of stored value services does not relieve it of the responsibility to register, if required, as a provider of those other services.

Where to file: Send this completed form to:

IRS Detroit Computing Center
Attn: Money Services Business Registration
P.O. Box _____
Detroit, MI _____

Keep a copy of this registration form.

Estimate of Business Volume:

The law requires a money services business to estimate the volume of its business in the coming year. 31 U.S.C. 5530(b). That estimate must be prepared annually. The estimate is not reported on this form, but must be maintained in the files of the money services business for access upon request of an appropriate law enforcement or regulatory entity.

Supporting Documentation:

A money services business must retain certain information in support of this registration form at a location within the United States, preferably at the address reported in Part I. That information includes: a copy of the registration form, the registration number assigned to the business by the Detroit Computing Center and, as indicated above, an estimate of the volume of its business in the coming year.

In addition, a money services business must retain as supporting documentation the following information with regard to the ownership or

control of the business: the name and address of any shareholder holding more than 5%; any general partner; any trustee; and/or any director or officer of the business.

Agent Lists:

A money services business that has agents must prepare and maintain a listing of its agents. That list must be updated annually and retained by the business at the location within the United States reported on the registration form in Part IV. IT SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE REGISTRATION FORM. The list must include:

- each agent's name;
- each agent's address;
- each agent's telephone number;
- the type of service(s) provided by each agent;
- a listing of the months in the immediately preceding 12 months in which gross transaction amount of each agent with respect to financial products/services issued by the business maintaining the list exceeds \$100,000;
- the name and address of any depository institution at which each agent maintains a transaction account for the money services in Item 26 conducted by the agent on behalf of the money services business in Part I;
- the year in which each agent first became an agent of the business; and
- the number of branches or subagents each agent has.

See 31 CFR 103.41(d)(2).

Specific Instructions

Part I. Registrant Information

Items 3 and 4. Organization Name and Doing Business As. -- Enter the name of the organization and, if applicable, the Doing Business As name. For example, Good Hope Enterprises, Inc. DBA Joe's Check Cashing.

Items 5, 7, 8 and 9. Address. -- Enter the permanent street address, including zip code of the registering business. Use the Post Office's two-letter state abbreviation code. A P.O. Box address may only be used if there is no street address.

Part II: Owner or Controlling Person Information

Any person who owns or controls a money services business shares the responsibility for seeing that the business is registered. Only one registration form is required for any business in any registration period. If more than one person owns or controls the business, they may enter into an agreement designating one of them to register the business. That person must complete Part II and provide the requested information. In addition, that person must sign and date the form. Failure by the designated person to register the business does not relieve any of the other persons who own or control the business of the liability for failure to register the business.

An "owner or controlling person" includes the following:

- Sole Proprietorships -- the owner of the business;
- Partnerships -- a general partner;
- Corporations -- a corporate officer;
- Trusts -- a trustee.

Part III. Money Services Information

Item 23. Where services are offered. -- Mark the box(es) for any state or territory in which the money services business offers services. If a service is offered on tribal lands, mark the box for the state in which the tribal lands are located.

Item 25. Mobile Operation. -- If any part of your business is a mobile operation, check yes here. A mobile operation is one based in a vehicle, for example, a check cashing service offered from a truck.

Item 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33. Name, Address, and Account Number of Primary Transaction Account. -- Enter the name and address of the bank or other depository institution where the money services business has its primary transaction account (e.g., the primary checking account) for the funds received in or for the financial products or services of the money services business. A transaction account is defined in 12 U.S.C. 461(b)(1)(c).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Departmental Offices; Debt Management Advisory Committee Meeting**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 10(a)(2), that a meeting will be held at the U.S. Treasury Department, 15th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, on October 31, 2000, of the following debt management advisory committee:

The Bond Market Association
Treasury Borrowing Advisory
Committee

The agenda for the meeting provides for a technical background briefing by Treasury staff, followed by a charge by the Secretary of the Treasury or his designate that the Committee discuss particular issues, and a working session. Following the working session, the Committee will present a written report of its recommendations.

The background briefing by Treasury staff will be held at 8 a.m. Eastern time and will be opened to the public. The remaining sessions and the committee's reporting session will be closed to the public, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 10(d).

This notice shall constitute my determination, pursuant to the authority placed in heads of departments by 5 U.S.C. App. 10(d) and vested in me by Treasury Department Order No. 101-05, that the closed portions of the meeting are concerned with information that is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A). The public interest requires that such meetings be closed to the public because the Treasury Department requires frank and full advice from representatives of the financial community prior to making its final decision on major financing operations. Historically, this advice has been offered by debt management advisory committees established by the several major segments of the financial community. When so utilized, such a committee is recognized to be an advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 3.

Although the Treasury's final announcement of financing plans may not reflect the recommendations provided in reports of the advisory committee, premature disclosure of the committee's deliberations and reports would be likely to lead to significant financial speculation in the securities market. Thus, these meetings fall within the exemption covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A).

The Office of Financial Markets is responsible for maintaining records of debt management advisory committee meetings and for providing annual reports setting forth a summary of committee activities and such other matters as may be informative to the public consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: October 3, 2000.

Lee Sachs,

Assistant Secretary, Financial Markets.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Fiscal Service****Financial Management Service; Proposed Collection of Information; Claim Against the United States for the Proceeds of a Government Check**

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Financial Management Service, 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 a continuing information collection. By this notice, the Financial Management Service solicits comments concerning form FMS-1133, "Claim Against the United States for the Proceeds of a Government Check."

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Financial Management Service, 3700 East West Highway, Programs Branch, Room 133, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Pamela Locks, Director, Financial Processing Division, Room 725D, 3700 East West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, (202) 874-7620.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Financial Management Service solicits comments on the collection of information described below.

Title: Management of Federal Agency Disbursements.

OMB Number: 1510-0019.

Form Number: FMS-1133.

Abstract: This form is used to collect information needed to process an

individual's claim for non-receipt of proceeds from a government check. Once the information is analyzed a determination is made and a recommendation is submitted to the program agency to either settle or deny the claim.

Current Actions: Extension of currently approved collection.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 98,500.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 18,695.

Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request of Office of Management and Budget 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.

Dated: October 2, 2000.

Judith R. Tillman,

Assistant Commissioner, Financial Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Office of Thrift Supervision****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

October 4, 2000.

The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) 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. Interested persons may obtain copies of the submission(s) by calling the OTS Clearance Officer listed. Send comments regarding this information collection to