

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 29, 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 November 9, 2000. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by November 20, 2000, with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Natalie S. Rosenberg, Esq., CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street, J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202. If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

CSXT 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 November 3, 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), CSXT 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 CSXT's filing of a notice of consummation by October 30, 2001, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: October 19, 2000.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-183 (Sub-No. 3X)]

#### Union Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Allegheny County, PA

Union Railroad Company (URR) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances* to abandon and discontinue service over its line of railroad known as the Rankin Branch extending from point of switch Survey Station 158+50 of Turnout MU-18, and extending from that point over and across the Rankin Hot Metal Bridge to a rail connection with the Railroad's so-called Wildcat Track at Survey Station 48+35 in the Borough of Rankin, Allegheny County, PA, a distance of 0.89 miles.<sup>1</sup> The line traverses United

States Postal Service Zip Codes 15120 and 15104.

URR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or 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 29, 2000, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>2</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>3</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by November 9, 2000. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by November 20, 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: Christopher T. Como, Attorney and Assistant Secretary, Union Railroad Company, 135 Jamison Lane, Monroeville, PA 15146.

<sup>2</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>3</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).

<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).

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.50(d)(2), the railroad must file a verified notice with the Board at least 50 days before the abandonment or discontinuance is to be consummated. While the applicant initially indicated a proposed consummation date of November 28, 2000, because the verified notice was filed on October 10, 2000, consummation may not take place prior to November 29, 2000. Applicant's representative has subsequently confirmed that the correct consummation date is on or after November 29, 2000.

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

URR 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 November 3, 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 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), URR 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 URR's filing of a notice of consummation by October 30, 2001, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Decided: October 19, 2000.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Departmental Offices; Proposed Collections; Comment Requests

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on two information collections that are due for renewed approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of International Financial Analysis within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning Treasury International Capital Form BL-3, Intermediary's Notification of Foreign Borrowing Denominated in Dollars; and Treasury International Capital Form CM, Dollar Deposit and Certificate of Deposit Claims on Banks Abroad.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 29, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Dwight Wolkow, Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Reporting Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 5205 MT, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Dwight Wolkow, Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 5205 MT, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20220, Ph: (202) 622-1276, Fax (202) 622-7448.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Titles:** Treasury International Capital Form BL-3, Intermediary's Notification of Foreign Borrowing Denominated in Dollars; and Treasury International Capital Form CM, Dollar Deposit and Certificate of Deposit Claims on Banks Abroad.

**OMB Numbers:** 1505-0088 and 1505-0023.

**Abstracts:** Forms BL-3 and CM are part of the Treasury International Capital (TIC) reporting system, which is required by law (22 U.S.C. 286f; 22 U.S.C. 3103; EO 10033; 31 CFR 128), and are designed to collect timely information on international portfolio capital movements. Form BL-3 is a monthly report used to strengthen compliance with existing TIC reporting requirements, whereby a U.S. bank advises its domestic nonbank customers of their responsibilities to report as liabilities on TIC Form CQ-1 their loans from foreigners that the bank will not include among its reportable custody liabilities to foreigners on TIC Form BL-2. Form CM is a monthly report whereby nonbank enterprises in the U.S. report their total dollar deposit and certificate of deposit claims on foreign banks. This information is necessary for compiling the U.S. balance of payments accounts, for calculating the U.S. international investment position, and for use in formulating U.S. international financial and monetary policies.

**Current Actions:** No changes to reporting requirements for either form are proposed at this time.

**Type of Review:** Extensions.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit organizations.

Form BL-3 (1505-0088).

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 25.

**Estimated Average Time per Respondent:** 30 minutes per respondent per filing.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 150 hours, based on twelve reporting periods per year.

Form CM (1505-0023).

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 55

**Estimated Average Time per**

**Respondent:** 30 minutes per respondent per filing.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 330 hours, based on twelve reporting periods per year.

### Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the requests for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit written comments concerning: whether Forms BL-3 and CM are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Office, including whether the information collected has practical uses; the accuracy of the above burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; ways to minimize the reporting and/or recordkeeping burdens on respondents, including the use of information technologies to automate the collection of the data; and estimates of capital or start-up costs of operation, maintenance, and purchases of services to provide information.

**Dwight Wolkow,**

Administrator, International Portfolio  
Investment Data Systems.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, November 29-30, 2000, in room 430 of VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20420. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on both days.

The purpose of the meeting is to review information relating to the health effects of exposure to ionizing radiation. The major items on the agenda for both days will be discussions and analyses of medical and scientific papers concerning the health effects of