

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33944]

**Texas Pacifico Transportation, Ltd.—
Lease¹ and Operation Exemption—
State of Texas**

Texas Pacifico Transportation, Ltd. (Pacifico), a noncarrier Texas limited partnership, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease from the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and to operate as a common carrier approximately 370.5 miles of rail line in Brewster, Coleman, Crane, Crockett, Irion, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Runnels, Tom Green, and Upton Counties, TX.² Pacifico would acquire the right to operate between milepost 1029.1 on the International Bridge near Presidio, TX, and milepost 956.7 at Paisano Junction, and between milepost 945.3, at Alpine Junction, and milepost 0 + 330 feet, near San Angelo Junction on the east, and Lampasas Subdivision milepost 373 + 4362 feet, near San Angelo Junction on the west. According to Pacifico, SORC has assigned to Pacifico, with the consent of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), SORC's trackage rights over an additional 11.4 miles of UP line located between milepost 956.7 at Paisano Junction and milepost 945.3 at Alpine Junction. The operations by Pacifico would thus extend over approximately 381.9 miles. Pacifico states that its projected revenues will not exceed those of a Class III rail carrier as a result of this transaction.³

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or after November 29, 2000.

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 will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33944, 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 Fritz R. Kahn, Esq., 1920 N Street, NW (8th floor), Washington, DC 20036-1601.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "www.stb.dot.gov."

Decided: December 4, 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

November 30, 2000.

The Department of 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 January 10, 2001.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1151.

Form Number: IRS Form 8818.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Optional Form to Record Redemption of Series EE and I U.S. Savings Bonds Issued After 1989.

Description: Under Internal Revenue Code section 135, if an individual redeems U.S. Savings Bonds issued after 1989 and pays qualified higher education expenses during the year, the interest on the bonds is excludable from income. Form 8818 can be used to keep a record of the bonds cashed so that the taxpayer can claim the proper interest exclusion.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 25,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:

	Minutes
Recordkeeping	13
Learning about the law or the form	5
Preparing the form	21

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 32,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1567.

Form Number: IRS Form 8854.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Expatriation Information Statement.

Description: Internal Revenue Code Section 6039G requires persons who lost U.S. citizenship to provide information concerning citizenship, income tax liability, net worth, and net assets. Form 8854 is used to report this information.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 11,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:

	Part I (in minutes)	Parts I and II
Recordkeeping	33	2 hr., 57 min.
Learning about the law or the form	13	26 min.
Preparing the form	40	1 hr., 24 min.
Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS	20	35 min.

¹ The filed notice is captioned as an "acquisition" and operation exemption, but the described transaction involves a lease. Accordingly, this notice has been re-captioned to reflect the lease.

² TxDOT acquired the rail line between milepost 1029.1 and milepost 956.7 from South Orient Railroad Company, Ltd. (SORC), pursuant to the transaction that was the subject of a notice of

exemption in *State of Texas Acting by and Through the Texas Department of Transportation—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—South Orient Railroad Company, Ltd.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33946 (STB served Nov. 2, 2000).

³ Earlier this year, Pacifico had evidently planned to acquire SORC's rights to operate over these lines directly from SORC. See *Texas Pacifico*

Transportation, Ltd.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—South Orient Railroad Company, Ltd., STB Finance Docket No. 33851 (STB served Mar. 3, 2000). According to Pacifico, the previously authorized transaction was never consummated and did not result in the initiation of railroad operations.