

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.

Frequency of Response: Other (Once).
Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 23,060 hours.
Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224
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

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 5, 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, to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1701.
Revenue Procedure Number: Revenue Procedure 2000-37.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Reverse Like-Kind Exchanges.

Description: The revenue procedure provides a safe harbor for reverse like-kind exchanges under which a transaction using a "qualified exchange accommodation agreement" will qualify for non-recognition treatment under § 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 1,600.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper: 2 hours.

Frequency of Response: Other (one time per transaction).

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 3,200 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224

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,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, 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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Brewer's Operations Reports.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 9, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Linda Barnes, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to William H. Foster, Regulations Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Brewer's Operations Report.

OMB Number: 1512-0052.

Form Number: ATF F 5130.9, Brewer's Report of Operations and ATF F 5130.26, Brewpub Report of Operations.

Abstract: The Internal Revenue Code requires brewers to pay excise taxes on beer they remove for consumption or sale. The tax is imposed by 26 U.S.C.

5051. Related operational requirements are imposed by Section 5415, including a requirement to report production and other elements of brewery operations to ATF. Brewers must file operations reports for various periods, depending on the quantity of beer they produce. The reports must be available for inspection by ATF officers during normal business hours. The brewers must keep the reports for a period of 3 years.

Current Actions: The Brewer's Report of Operations, ATF F 5130.9 is being reduced in size and a new form, ATF F 5130.26, Brewpub Report of Operations is being created for certain smaller brewers whose production is not more than 5,000 barrels per year and who do not bottle or keg their beer. Both forms are in the plain language style, include more extensive instructions, and eliminate current formatting deficiencies. There is an increase in burden hours.

Type of Review: Revision.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,750.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 minutes for each ATF F 5130.26 and 45 minutes for each ATF F 5130.9.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,405.

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 4, 2000.

William T. Earle,

Assistant Director (Management) CFO.

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