

including private-sector contributions and/or direct institutional support

8. Support for Diversity

Proposals should demonstrate support for the Bureau's policy on diversity. Features relevant to this policy should be cited in program implementation (selection of participants, program venue, and program evaluation), program content, and program administration.

Authority

Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries * * *; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations * * * and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world." The funding authority for the program above is provided through legislation.

Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFGP are binding and may not be modified by any Bureau representative. Explanatory information provided by the Bureau that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFGP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Bureau reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements.

Notification

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal Bureau procedures.

Dated: April 6, 2001.

Helena Kane Finn,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-581X and STB Docket No. AB-529X]¹

1411 Corporation—Abandonment Exemption—in Lancaster County, PA; Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemptions—in Lancaster, PA

1411 Corporation (1411) and Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad Company (M&H) (collectively applicants) have filed separate verified notices of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon service over the same line of railroad extending from milepost 39.3,² in the borough of Columbia, to milepost 37.2, in West Hempfield Township, a distance of approximately 2.5 miles in Lancaster County, PA (line).³ The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 17512.

Applicants have 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 as this is not a through route; (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 these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91

¹ These proceedings are being handled together for administrative convenience.

² Past agency decisions concerning this line indicated that the line extended from milepost 39.7 to milepost 37.2. Interested persons should be on notice that the abandonment proposals quite likely concern the line from milepost 39.7 to milepost 37.2.

³ M&H filed a notice of exemption with the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) to lease from ITT Grinnell Corporation (Grinnell) and operate the line in *Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad Company*, Finance Docket No. 29984 (ICC served Aug. 11, 1982). Grinnell later transferred the ownership of the line to its wholly owned subsidiary 1411. The ICC exempted 1411's ownership and operation of the line in *Fourteen-Eleven Corporation Exemption—Acquisition and Operation*, Finance Docket No. 30775 (ICC served Feb. 11, 1986).

(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, these exemptions will be effective on May 12, 2001, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,⁴ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),⁵ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by April 23, 2001. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by May 2, 2001, 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 applicants' representative: Andrew P. Goldstein, Esq., McCarthy, Sweeney & Harkaway, P.C., 2175 K Street, N.W., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20037. If the verified notices contain false or misleading information, the exemptions are void *ab initio*.

Applicants have filed separate environmental reports which address the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by April 17, 2001. 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), 1411 and M&H shall each file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned

⁴ 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 (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemptions' 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 exemptions' effective date.

⁵ 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).

the line.⁶ If consummation has not been effected by 1411's and M&H's filing of a notice of consummation by April 12, 2002, 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: March 30, 2001.

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

April 3, 2001.

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 May 14, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

OMB Number: 1545-0720.

Form Number: IRS Forms 8038, 8038-C and 8038-GC.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Information Return for Tax-Exempt Private Activity Bond Issues (8038); Information Return for Tax-Exempt Governmental Obligations (8038-GC); and Information Return for Small Tax-Exempt Governmental Bond Issues, Leases, and Installment Sales (8038-GC).

Description: Forms 8038, 8038-C and 8038-GC collect the information that IRS is required to collect by code section 149(e). IRS uses the information to assure that tax-exempt bonds are issued consistent with the rules of Internal Revenue Code sections 141-149.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeeper: 3,816.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Form	Learning about the law or the form	Preparing, copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS
8038	10 hr., 17 min	12 hr., 25 min.
8038-C	2 hr., 53 min	3 hr., 16 min.
8038-GC	2 hr., 23 min	2 hr., 34 min.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly.
Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 291,312 hours.
OMB Number: 1545-0757.

Regulation Project Number: LR-209-76 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Special Lien For Estate Taxes Deferred Under Section 6166 or 6166A.

Description: Section 632A permits the executor of a decedent's estate to elect a lien on section 6166 property in favor of the United States in lieu of a bond or personal liability if an agreement under section 6324A(c).

Respondents: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 34,600.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Other (non-recurring).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 8,650 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-0959.

Regulation Project Number: LR-213-76 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Estate and Gift Taxes; Qualified Disclaimers of Property.

Description: Section 2518 allows a person to disclaim an interest in property received by gift or inheritance. The interest is treated as if the disclaimant never received or transferred such interest for Federal gift tax purposes. A qualified disclaimer must be in writing and delivered to the transferor or trustee.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 1,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1708.

Publication Number: Publication 1345.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Handbook for Authorized IRS e-file Providers.

Description: Publication 1345 informs those who participate in the IRS e-file Program for Individual Income Tax Returns of their obligations to the Internal Revenue Service, taxpayers, and other participants.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeeper: 90,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper: 32 hours, 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 2,924,627 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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⁶ It may be that M&H requires only discontinuance authority while 1411 needs

abandonment authority. Effectiveness of these exemptions will permit both entities to end their

common carrier obligations by filing the appropriate notices of consummation.