

*Continuance in Control Exemption—Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad, LLC*, wherein Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad has concurrently filed a verified notice to continue in control of WNYP upon its becoming a Class III rail carrier.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding 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. 34017, 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 Kevin M. Sheys, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, LLP, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Second Floor, Washington, DC 20036.

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Decided: April 23, 2001.

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-55 (Sub-No. 586X)]

#### CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in McMinn County, TN

On April 10, 2001, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a portion of its line of railroad known as the Athens & Tellico Branch,<sup>1</sup> extending from milepost OKW 333.40 to milepost OKW 334.24 in Athens, McMinn County, TN, a distance of .84 mile. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 37303. There are no stations on the line.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in UP's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

<sup>1</sup> The line is formally designated as Central Region, Appalachian Division, Athens & Tellico Branch, KD Subdivision.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by July 27, 2001.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,000 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than May 21, 2001. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 586X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Natalie S. Rosenberg, 500 Water Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Replies to the CSXT petition are due on or before May 21, 2001.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1545. (TDD for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-877-8339.)

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition.

The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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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 Collection; Comment Request

**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 an information collection that is due for reinstatement approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of Program Services within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Survey of U.S. Ownership of Foreign Securities as of December 31, 2001.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before June 29, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to: Dwight Wolkow, Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 5205 MT, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave. 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 at the above address, or by emailing dwight/wolkow@do.treas.gov, or by faxing (202) 622-7448, or by calling (202) 622-1276.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Survey of U.S. Ownership of Foreign Securities as of December 31, 2001.

*OMB Number:* 1505-0146.

*Abstract:* These forms are used to conduct periodic surveys of holdings by U.S. residents of foreign securities for portfolio investment purposes. These data are used by the U.S. Government in the formulation of international and financial policies and for the computation of the U.S. balance of payments and U.S. international investment position. The last such survey was conducted as of December 31, 1997, and clearly demonstrated the need for such periodic surveys by significantly altering the previously estimated level of U.S. holdings of foreign long-term securities.

This survey is also part of an internationally coordinated effort under

the auspices of the International Monetary Fund to improve data on securities worldwide. These data are believed to be in serious error on a worldwide basis. Most of the major industrial and financial countries will be participating in this survey.

**Current Actions:** Data will be collected on short-term securities as well as long-term securities to conform to IMF survey standards. The exemption level for reporting will be raised from \$20 million to \$50 million of holdings by U.S. residents of foreign securities. Financial derivatives will be excluded. The exchange rate item will be replaced with requests for some items valued both in U.S. dollars and in foreign currency to improve data quality without significantly increasing respondent burden. The forms and instructions will be restructured to improve clarity. Data will be collected primarily from custodians of securities, and from major investors if they do not employ U.S. custodians. Investors employing U.S. custodians need only identify their custodians and the amounts entrusted to them.

**Type of Review:** Reinstatement with change.

**Affected Public:** Business/Financial Institutions.

**Forms:** OMB No. 1505-0146, Schedule 1, Schedule 2, and Schedule 3.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 2,360.

**Estimated Time per Respondent:** 384 hours on average for custodians of securities providing detailed information, 104 hours on average for end-investors providing detailed information, 40 hours on average for reporters employing U.S. custodians, and 16 hours on average for reporters claiming exemptions. Custodians with less than \$50 million foreign long-term securities are exempt from reporting on the survey. The amount of time required to complete the survey will vary depending on the amount of data to report.

**Estimated Total Burden:** 108,300 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** At least once every three years.

#### Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit written comments concerning: (a) Whether the Survey is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Office, including whether the

information shall have practical uses; (b) the accuracy of the above estimate of the burdens; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the reporting and/or record keeping burdens on respondents, including the use of information technologies to automate the collection of the data; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs of operation, maintenance and purchase of services to provide information.

#### Dwight Wolkow,

*Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0365]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the National Cemetery Administration (NCA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 30, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail [denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0365" in any correspondence.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Request for Disinterment, VA Form 40-4970.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0365.

**Type of Review:** Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

**Abstract:** VA Form 40-4970 allows a person who has a sincere wish and

cogent reason to request removal of remains from a national cemetery for interment at another location. VA Form 40-4970 is an affidavit that requires signatories to execute the document before a notary. Interments made in national cemeteries are permanent and final. Disinterments will be permitted for cogent reasons, and then with prior written authorization only, usually by the Cemetery Director. Approval can be granted when all immediate family members of the decedent, including the person who initiated the interment, give their written consent. An order from a court of local jurisdiction can be accepted in lieu of submitting VA form 40-4970.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on August 31, 2000, at pages 53090-53091.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 55 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:** 10 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** On Occasion.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 329.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7613. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0365" in any correspondence.

Dated: April 20, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0578]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Health