

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend the following currently approved information collection: 49 U.S.C. Section 5335(a) and (b) National Transit Database

DATES: Comments must be submitted before February 25, 2002.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the United States Department of Transportation, Central Dockets Office, PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

—Gary Delorme, National Transit Database Manager, Office of Program Management (202) 366-1652.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

Title: 49 U.S.C. Section 5335(a) and (b) (OMB Number: 2132-0008).

Background: 49 U.S.C. Section 5335(a) and (b) require the Secretary of Transportation to maintain a reporting system by uniform categories to accumulate mass transportation financial and operating information and a uniform system of accounts and records. Each year, transit authorities that receive FTA funding submit data to the National Transit Database. The data that is submitted is used in statutory formulae to apportion over \$4 billion in federal funds back to those agencies. In addition, federal, state, and local governments, transit agencies/boards, labor unions, manufacturers, researchers, consultants and universities use the National Transit Database for

making transit related decisions. State and local governments also use the National Transit Database in allocating funds under 49 U.S.C. Section 5307. National Transit Database information is essential for understanding cost, ridership and other national performance trends, including transit's share of urban travel. It would be difficult to determine the future structure of FTA programs, to set policy, and to make funding and other decisions relating to the efficiency and effectiveness of the Nation's transit operations without the National Transit Database.

Respondents: State and local government, business or other for-profit institutions, non-profit institutions, and small business organizations.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 412 hours for each of the 578 respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 238,136 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

Issued: December 20, 2001.

Dorrie Y. Aldrich,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub No. 5) (2002-1)]

Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

SUMMARY: The Board has approved the first quarter 2002 rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. The first quarter 2002 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.076. The first quarter 2002 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.576. The first quarter 2002 RCAF-5 is 0.551.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: H. Jeff Warren, (202) 565-1533. Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from the Board's contractor, Dā-To-Dā Legal, Suite 405, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006, phone (202) 293-7776.

[Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services 1 (800) 877-8339.]

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Decided: December 19, 2001.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Clyburn, and Commission Burkes.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34135]

**The Fulton Railroad Co., Ltd.—
Acquisition and Operation
Exemption—Cincinnati Railway
Company**

The Fulton Railroad Co., Ltd. (Fulton), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Cincinnati Railway Company and operate approximately 4,800 feet of track from a beginning point of milepost 0.0 and continuing for 4,800 feet to end of track, in the City of Cincinnati, Millcreek Township, Hamilton County, OH (line).¹

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or about December 15, 2001. The earliest the transaction can be consummated is December 14, 2001, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the notice of exemption was filed).

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. 34135 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 Robert L. Calhoun, Esq., Redmon, Peyton & Braswell, LLP, 510 King Street, Suite 301, Alexandria, VA 22314.

¹ Fulton states that it will be the operator of the line but that it is engaging in discussions with the Indiana & Ohio Railway Company (IORY) for IORY to assume operations over the line.