

intellectual property protection. USTR maintained Ukraine's designation as a Priority Foreign Country, and again designated Paraguay and China for "Section 306 monitoring" to ensure both countries comply with the commitments made to the United States under bilateral intellectual property agreements.

USTR also announced placement of 15 trading partners on the "Priority Watch List": Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, European Union, Egypt, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Lebanon, Philippines, Russia, Taiwan, and Uruguay. In addition, USTR placed 33 trading partners on the "Watch List." Moreover, out-of-cycle reviews will be conducted of Indonesia, Israel, the Philippines, the Bahamas, Costa Rica, Poland, and Thailand. While Mexico is not listed, USTR will also conduct an out-of-cycle review of it later in the year.

Kira M. Alvarez,

Director for Intellectual Property.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Guidelines for Ensuring and
Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity,
Utility, and Integrity of Information
Disseminated by the Office of the
United States Trade Representative**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative ("USTR") is seeking written comments from the public concerning the agency's draft Information Quality Guidelines. These Information Quality Guidelines describe USTR's pre-dissemination information quality control and the proposed administrative mechanism for requests for correction of information publicly disseminated by USTR.

DATES: USTR will accept comments received on or before June 5, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Richard Kristobek, Office of Computer Operations, Room F203, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508. Comments will also be accepted via electronic mail at *USTRIQG@ustr.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Kristobek, Acting Director, Office of Computer Operations, Office of the United States Trade Representative,

600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC (202) 395-5140.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USTR draft Information Quality Guidelines are posted on the USTR website, www.ustr.gov.

Richard F. Kristobek,

*Acting Director, Office of Computer
Operations.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34193]

**Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway
Corporation—Corporate Family Merger
Transaction Exemption**

Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad Corporation (TPWRR), Marksman Corp. (Marksman), Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway Corporation (TPWRY), and Florida Rail Lines, Inc. (Florida Rail), have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption under the Board's class exemption procedure at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3).¹ The exempt transaction is a corporate reorganization which involves the merger of TPWRR, TPWRY, and Florida Rail into Marksman. After the merger, Marksman, the surviving corporation, will change its name to Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway Corporation.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after April 15, 2002, the effective date of the exemption.

The transaction is intended to simplify the corporate structure and reduce overhead costs and duplication by eliminating three corporations while retaining the same assets to serve customers.

This is a transaction within a corporate family of the type specifically exempted from prior review and approval under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3). The parties state that the transaction will not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or a change in the competitive balance with carriers outside the corporate family.

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory

¹ Florida Rail, a noncarrier, directly controls TPWRR, which in turn directly controls Marksman, and Marksman directly controls TPWRY. Florida Rail is directly controlled by RailAmerica Transportation Corp., which is directly controlled by Palm Beach Rail Holding, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of RailAmerica, Inc.

obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

If the 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. 34193, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Louis E. Gitomer, Ball Janik LLP, Suite 225, 1455 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

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Decided: April 25, 2002.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

**Proposed Collection; Comment
Request; Vessel Entrance or Clearance
Statement Form**

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Customs published a document in the **Federal Register** on April 19, 2002, entitled "Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Master's Oath on Entry of Vessel in Foreign Trade", inviting comment on an information collection requirement. The document contained many errors, including that the particular information collection on which comments were being sought, the Customs Form (CF) 1300, is no longer called the "Master's Oath on Entry of Vessel in Foreign Trade". The CF 1300 is now called the "Vessel Entrance or Clearance Statement". Accordingly, the document published on April 19, 2002, is withdrawn. This document, in which