

presented in the form of an objector questionnaire, will be available on the USTR and Commerce Department websites at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/steel/exclusion/>. Interested persons should submit a complete objector questionnaire at a date to be determined and announced shortly.

If a complete response to the new exclusion request questionnaire with regard to a particular product has not been received by the date indicated above, USTR may disregard the exclusion request for that product. To ensure that an interested party's position is considered in the context of the exclusion request, a complete response to the objector questionnaire should be submitted no later than the due date, which will be determined and announced shortly.

Each request will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. USTR will grant only those exclusions that do not undermine the objectives of the safeguard measures. In analyzing the requests, USTR will consider whether the product is currently being produced in the United States, whether substitution of the product is possible, whether qualification requirements affect the requestor's ability to use domestic products, inventories, whether the requested product is under development by a U.S. producer who will imminently be able to produce it in commercial quantities and any other relevant factors. Where necessary, USTR and/or the Commerce Department will meet with parties to discuss the information that was submitted and/or to gain additional information.

Every effort will be made to process requests as soon as possible consistent with resources and the quality of information that is received.

Proclamation 7529 also authorizes USTR to exclude particular products from the safeguard measures in March of any year in which a safeguard measure remains in effect. To the extent possible, information submitted in accordance with this notice will be used in the evaluation of whether to grant additional exclusions pursuant to this authority, so as to avoid repetitive submission of information.

Submission of Requests for Exclusion and Opposition to Requests for Exclusion

Parties should follow the instructions posted on the USTR and Commerce Department web sites at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/steel/exclusion/>. Failure to follow the instructions posted there may result in rejection of the questionnaire submission.

After new exclusion request questionnaires have been received, the Commerce Department will assign an alpha-numeric designator such as "N299.3" assigned to the requested product. Requestors will be notified of the assigned alpha-numeric designator for each product as soon as possible after receipt of the submission. All parties must use this alpha-numeric designator in every subsequent reference to that exclusion request.

We strongly discourage the submission of business confidential information. Any questionnaire response that contains business confidential information must be accompanied by six copies of a public summary that does not contain business confidential information, and a diskette containing an electronic version of the public summary. Any paper submission and diskette containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "Business Confidential" at the top and bottom of the cover page (or letter) and each succeeding page of the submission, and on the label of the diskette. The version that does not contain business confidential information should also be clearly marked, at the top and bottom of each page, "public version" or "nonconfidential," and on the label of the diskette.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This notice contains a collection of information provision subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB number. This notice's collection of information burden is only for those persons who wish voluntarily to request the exclusion of a product from the safeguard measures. USTR has submitted the new exclusion request questionnaire to OMB for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. It is expected that the collection of information burden will be no more than 20 hours. This collection of information contains no annual reporting or record keeping burden. Please send comments regarding the collection of information burden or any

other aspect of the information collection to USTR at the address above.

Robert B. Zoellick,

United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34195]

Bighorn Divide & Wyoming Railroad Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Rail Lines of Bad Water Line, Inc. and Lost Cabin Gas Plant Line in Riverton, WY, and of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Between Lysite, WY and Shobon, WY

Bighorn Divide & Wyoming Railroad Inc. (BDW), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate rail lines of: (a) Bad Water Line Inc. (BDL) extending from milepost 0.0 at Shobon (switch on The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) at BNSF milepost 303.9) to milepost 4.1 at the town of Shoshoni, WY, and of Lost Cabin Gas Plant Line extending from milepost 0.0 at Lysite (at BNSF milepost 282.7) to milepost 3.89 at Lost Cabin, WY, a total distance of 7.99 miles; and (b) BDL's trackage rights agreement with BNSF between milepost 282.5 at Lysite and milepost 306.0 near Shobon, WY, a distance of 23.5 miles.¹ BDW states that its projected annual revenues do not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III carrier.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on May 1, 2002.

If the verified 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. 34195, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Case

¹ Because BDW is acquiring BDL's rights in a trackage rights agreement that had already existed with BNSF, and not acquiring or entering into a new trackage rights agreement, this proceeding is an acquisition and operation exemption. The owners of BDL have agreed to reorganize the Subchapter S Corporation, BDL, as a Subchapter S Corporation named BDW. Real property of BDL is being transferred to a Limited Liability Company (LLC), named BDW, LLC. Applicant states that these changes are for both tax and public relations purposes and include all assets owned by the former Bad Water Railway, LLC.

Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Clifford Root, 642 South Federal Blvd., Riverton, WY 82501.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: May 15, 2002.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 2290-EZ

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

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 IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 2290-EZ, Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax Return for Filers With a Single Vehicle.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 22, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, or through the Internet (CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov.), Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax Return for Filers With a Single Vehicle.

OMB Number: 1545-1781.

Form Number: 2290-EZ.

Abstract: Form 2290-EZ may be used instead of Form 2290 to pay the tax due

on a highway motor vehicle with a taxable gross weight of more than 75,000 pounds.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 110,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 4 hours, 57 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 544,500.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

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.

Approved: May 14, 2002.

Glenn P. Kirkland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Revenue Procedures 2002-37, 2002-38, and 2002-39

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

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 IRS is soliciting comments concerning Revenue Procedures 2002-37, 2002-38, 2002-39, Changes in Periods of Accounting.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 22, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of revenue procedures should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, or through the Internet (CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov.), Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Changes in Periods of Accounting.

OMB Number: 1545-1786.

Revenue Procedure Numbers: Revenue Procedures 2002-37, 2002-38, and 2002-39.

Abstract: Revenue Procedures 2002-37, 2002-38, and 2002-39, provide the comprehensive administrative rules and guidance, for affected taxpayers adopting, changing, or retaining annual accounting periods, for federal income tax purposes. In order to determine whether a taxpayer has properly adopted, changed to, or retained an annual accounting period, certain information regarding the taxpayer's qualification for and use of the requested annual accounting period is required. The revenue procedures request the information necessary to make that determination when the information is not otherwise available.