

United States, that information could indicate that a safety defect or noncompliance exists that requires remedial action. NHTSA will rely on the information provided under this rule in deciding whether to open a formal defect investigation or to pursue appropriate remedial action in the United States.

Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number and Proposed Frequency of Responses to the Collection of Information)—The TREAD Act requires all manufacturers of motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment who sell vehicles or equipment in the United States, and who also sell or plan to sell vehicles outside the United States, to comply with these reporting requirements. We estimate that there are a total of 23,500 manufacturers who sell vehicles or equipment in the United States. Of these, we estimate that fewer than 70 vehicle manufacturers will need to comply with the reporting requirements. Furthermore, we estimate that fewer than 500 reports annually will be submitted. In the one full year since the manufacturers began submitting reports (2001), there were only 234 reports submitted to the agency. However the final rule will specify the contents of the submission and may adopt the proposed requirement that manufacturers must submit reports for the period from November 1, 2000, to the effective date of the final rule. This would increase that number.

Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden of the Collection of Information in the NPRM—In order to provide the information required by this rule, manufacturers must (1) determine whether vehicles or equipment that are covered by a foreign safety recall or other safety campaign are identical or substantially similar to vehicles or equipment sold in the United States, (2) prepare and submit reports of these recalls or campaigns to the agency, and (3) where a determination or notice has been made in a language other than English, translate the determination or notice into English before transmitting it to the agency. Additionally, it was proposed that manufacturers report foreign determinations made between November 1, 2000 and the effective date of the final rule.

With respect to the burden of determining identical or substantially similar vehicles or equipment to those sold in the United States, the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers (the Alliance) in its comments on the NPRM, suggested that “the agency should work with the vehicle manufacturers to

establish each year a list of substantially similar vehicles’ and that, for inclusion on the list, a vehicle must have “ * * * the same vehicle platform or body shell.” Based on those criteria, we estimate that the annual list could be developed with 8 hours of professional staff time. It was proposed that only vehicle manufacturers would be required to develop this list. (70 vehicle manufacturers \times 8 hours = 560 hours.)

We estimate that preparing and submitting each foreign defect report will require 1 hour of clerical staff, or 500 hours annually. (500 defect reports \times 1 hour = 500 hours.) We estimate that translation of determinations into English will require 2 hours of technical staff, or 1,000 hours annually. Note: This assumes that all foreign defect reports would require translation. Therefore, this is a maximum number of hours because some foreign defect reports will already be in English. (500 defect reports \times 2 hours = 1,000 hours.) Accordingly we estimate the total annual burden on manufacturers to be 2,060 hours (560 hours professional time + 500 hours clerical time + 1,000 hours technical time).

Estimate of the Total Annual Costs of the Collection of Information in the NPRM—Hourly rates for various categories of staff were provided to the agency recently by the Alliance in connection with another rulemaking. We have used those rates to estimate the total annual cost of this collection. We estimate that preparing the annual list would be done by professional staff at an average rate of \$101.92 per hour. (560 hours \times \$101.92 = \$57,075.20) We estimate that clerical staff at an average rate of \$23.99 per hour would prepare each report. (500 hours \times \$23.99 = \$11,995.00.) Finally, we estimate that technical staff at a rate of \$73.55 per hour would perform the translation into English. (1,000 hours \times \$73.55 = \$73,550.00.) This results in a total estimated annual burden of \$142,570.20 (\$57,075.20 + \$11,995.00 + \$73,550.00). We believe that, since manufacturers actually began providing the information on or about November 1, 2000, there will be minimal, if any, additional cost associated with reporting of campaigns from that date to the effective date of the final rule.

NHTSA notes that the final rule, *Reporting of Information and Documents About Foreign Safety Recalls and Campaigns Related to Potential Defects*, might be issued before the end of the 60-day comment period for this collection of information. If this should occur, it would be helpful for public comments in response to this notice to reflect the requirements

adopted in the final rule. All comments will be taken into account in NHTSA’s Supporting Statement to OMB (that accompanies OMB Form 83–I) to request clearance for this collection of information.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c); delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34230]

Squaw Creek Southern Railroad, Inc.— Operation Exemption—Line of Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Squaw Creek Southern Railroad, Inc. (SCS),¹ a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire nonexclusive trackage rights and to operate approximately 21.3 miles of railroad owned by Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS), in Warrick County, IN, between milepost 0.6, at or near Yankeetown Dock, and milepost 21.9, at or near Lynnville Mine. SCS certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and that such revenues would not exceed \$5 million.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated no earlier than July 19, 2002. The earliest the transaction could have been consummated was July 18, 2002, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the 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. 34230, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Andrew P. Goldstein, McCarthy, Sweeney & Harkaway, P.C., 2175 K Street, NW., Suite 600, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

¹ SCS states that it has entered into a trackage and interchange agreement with NS permitting SCS to operate the rail line. SCS will be able to interchange with NS at Boonville, IN.

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Decided: August 1, 2002.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Reporting Required for International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

AGENCY: Bureau of Transportation
Statistics (BTS), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics invites the general public, industry and other governmental parties to comment on the continuing need and usefulness of BTS collecting supplemental data for the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Comments are requested concerning whether the supplemental reports are needed by BTS to fulfill the United States treaty obligation of furnishing financial and traffic reports to ICAO; BTS accurately estimated the reporting burden; there are other ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and there are ways to minimize reporting burden, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by October 8, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to: Office of Airline Information, K-25, Room 4125, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, FAX NO. 366-3383 or EMAIL bernard.stankus@bts.gov.

Comments: Comments should identify the OMB # 2138-0039. Persons wishing the Department to acknowledge receipt of their comments must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: Comments on OMB # 2138-0004. The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bernie Stankus Office of Airline

Information, K-25, Room 4125, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4387.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval No.: 2138-0039.

Title: Reporting Required for International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

Form No.: BTS Form EF.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Large certificated air carriers.

Number of Respondents: 40.

Number of Responses: 40.

Total Annual Burden: 26 hours.

Needs and Uses: As a party to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Treaty), the United States is obligated to provide ICAO with financial and statistical data on operations of U.S. carriers. Over 99% of the data filled with ICAO is extracted from the air carriers' Form 41 submissions to BTS. BTS Form EF is the means by which BTS supplies the remaining 1% of the air carrier data to ICAO.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Activity Under OMB Review; Submission of Audit Reports—Part 248

AGENCY: Bureau of Transportation
Statistics (BTS), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics invites the general public, industry and other governmental parties to comment on the continuing need for and usefulness of BTS requiring U.S. large certificated air carriers to submit a true and complete of its annual audit that is made by an independent public accountant. If a carrier does not have such an annual audit, the carrier must file a statement that no audit has been performed. Comments are requested concerning whether the audit reports are needed by BTS and DOT; BTS accurately estimated the reporting burden; there are other ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and there are ways to minimize reporting burden, including the use of automated

collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by October 8, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to: Office of Airline Information, K-25, Room 4125, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, Fax no. 366-3383 or e-mail bernard.stankus@bts.gov.

Comments: Comments should identify the OMB # 2138-0004. Persons wishing the Department to acknowledge receipt of their comments must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: Comments on OMB # 2138-0004. The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval No.: 2138-0004.

Title: Submission of Audit Reports—Part 248.

Form No.: None.

Type Of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Large certificated air carriers.

Number of Respondents: 75.

Number of Responses: 75.

Total Annual Burden: 20 hours.

Needs and Uses: BTS collects independent audited financial reports from U.S. certificated air carriers. Carriers not having an annual audit must file a statement that no such audit has been performed. In lieu of the audit report, BTS will accept the annual report submitted to the stockholders. The audited reports are needed by the Department of Transportation as (1) a means to monitor an air carrier's continuing fitness to operate, (2) reference material used by analysts in examining foreign route cases (3) reference material used by analyst in examining proposed mergers, acquisitions and consolidations, (4) a means whereby BTS sends a copy of the report to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in fulfillment of a United States treaty obligation, and (5) corroboration of a carrier's Form 41 filings.

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