

deferral of Federal income taxes on certain deposits of money or other property placed into a CCF.

Need and Use of the Information: The collected information is necessary for MARAD to determine an applicant's eligibility to enter into a CCF Agreement.

Description of Respondents: U.S. citizens who own or lease one or more eligible vessels and who have a program to provide for the acquisition, construction or reconstruction of a qualified vessel.

Annual Responses: 140.

Annual Burden: 2130 hours total.

Comments: Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Dot Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the function of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: September 19, 2002.

Murray A. Bloom,

Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub-No. 5)(2002-4)]

Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, Transportation.

ACTION: Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

SUMMARY: The Board has approved the fourth quarter 2002 rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. The fourth quarter 2002 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.108. The fourth

quarter 2002 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.575. The fourth quarter 2002 RCAF-5 is 0.556.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: H. Jeff Warren, (202) 565-1533. Federal Information Relay Services (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: Da-To-Da Legal, Suite 405, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, phone (202) 293-7776. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS: 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.

Dated: Decided: September 19, 2002.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Burkes.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 30142 (Sub-No. 5)]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Extension of Lease Exemption— Virginia and Southwestern Railway Company

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR),¹ a Class I rail carrier, has leased and operated the properties of its wholly owned subsidiary, Virginia and Southern Railway Company (VSW), consisting of approximately 100 miles of rail line in Tennessee and Virginia, under a lease originally authorized by the Board's predecessor, the Interstate Commerce Commission, in 1958. The lease, which has been extended five times, is scheduled to expire on March 14, 2003. The railroads have agreed to extend the lease until March 14, 2023.

This verified notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3), which exempts

¹NSR, formerly known as Southern Railway Company, is controlled through stock ownership by Norfolk Southern Corporation, a noncarrier holding company.

transactions within a corporate family and do not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or a change in the competitive balance with carriers outside the corporate family; and 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(4), which exempts renewals of leases and other matters where the Board has previously authorized the transactions, and only an extension in time is involved.

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.

Any employee affected by the subject transaction will be protected by the labor conditions imposed in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 354 I.C.C. 732 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980), *aff'd sub nom. RLEA v. ICC*, 675 F.2d 1248 (D.C. Cir. 1982).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 30142 (Sub-No. 5), 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 David A. Shelton, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510-9241.

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Decided: September 17, 2002.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0028]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of Information and Technology, 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 Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted