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Decided: September 24, 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. 34232]

Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad, Inc.— Lease Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad, Inc. (K&O), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease from Union Pacific Railroad Company 27 miles of rail line located between milepost 485.0, at Newton, KS, and milepost 512.0, at McPherson, KS. K&O will be the operator of the line.

Because K&O's projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million, K&O certified to the Board on July 11, 2002, that it had sent the required notice of the transaction to the national offices of all labor unions representing employees on the line on July 10, 2002, and that it had posted a copy of the notice at the workplace of employees on the affected lines on June 28, 2002. See 49 CFR 1150.42(e).

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after September 17, 2002 (7 days after the notice of exemption was filed and more than 60 days after K&O's certification to the Board that it had complied with the Board's rule at 49 CFR 1150.42(e)).

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. 34232, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925

K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Karl Morell, Ball Janik LLP, Suite 225, 1455 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

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Decided: September 23, 2002.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 587]

Information Quality Guidelines

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of final guidelines.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (Board) is adopting Information Quality Guidelines (I.Q. Guidelines). The I.Q. Guidelines contain the Board's information resource management procedures for reviewing and substantiating the quality of information before it is disseminated to the public, and the procedures by which an affected person may obtain correction of information disseminated by the Board that does not comply with the I.Q. Guidelines.

DATES: The Board's I.Q. Guidelines are effective October 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John M. Atkisson (202) 565-1710. (Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) (Hearing Impaired): (800) 877-8339.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By decision served April 1, 2002, and published in the *Federal Register* on the same date (67 FR 15450), the Board initiated this proceeding and sought comments from interested parties on the Board's draft I.Q. Guidelines. The draft I.Q. Guidelines have been revised in response to comments received from interested parties. A frequent user of the Board's Reading Room misunderstood the scope of the I.Q. Guidelines, prompting us to specify with greater particularity which information is subject to them. General comments on other agencies' guidelines from the Center for Regulatory Effectiveness led to amplification of our procedure for making corrections in the event erroneous information is disseminated by the Board. In addition, the draft I.Q.

Guidelines have been revised in response to suggestions of the Office of Management and Budget.

The Board's final I.Q. Guidelines are posted on the Board's Web site, www.stb.dot.gov. Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. Copies of this decision, containing the I.Q. Guidelines, may be purchased from Da-2-Da Legal Copy Service, Suite 405, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, telephone (202) 293-7776, da2dalegal@earthlink.net.

Authority: Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Pub. L. 106-554; 114 Stat. 2763).

Decided: October 1, 2002.

By the Board, John M. Atkisson,
Designated Official.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Senior Executive Service Combined Performance Review Board (PRB)

AGENCY: Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Treasury Department.

ACTION: Notice of members of Combined Performance Review Board (PRB).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), this notice announces the appointment of members of the Combined PRB for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the Financial Management Service, the U.S. Mint and the Bureau of the Public Debt. The Board reviews the performance appraisals of career senior executives below the level of bureau head and principal deputy in the four bureaus, except for executives below the Assistant Commissioner level in the Financial Management Service. The Board makes recommendations regarding proposed performance appraisals, ratings, bonuses and other appropriate personnel actions.

Composition of Combined PRB: The Board shall consist of at least three voting members. In case of an appraisal of a career appointee, more than half of the members shall consist of career appointees. The names and titles of the Combined PRB members are as follows:

Primary Members

Joel C. Taub, Associate Director
(Management), E&P

Frederick A. Pyatt, Assistant
Commissioner (Office of Investor
Services), PD
Jay M. Weinstein, Associate Director &
CFO, Mint
Scott Johnson, Assistant Commissioner
(Management)/CFO, FMS

Alternate Members

Gregory D. Carper, Associate Director
(Chief Financial Officer), E&P
Cynthia Z. Springer, Assistant
Commissioner (Office of Information
Technology), PD
Bradford E. Cooper, Associate Director
for Manufacturing, Mint
Judith Tillman, Assistant Commissioner
(Financial Operations), FMS

DATES: Membership is effective on
September 25, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joel
C. Taub, Associate Director
(Management), Bureau of Engraving and
Printing, 14th and C Sts, SW.,
Washington DC 20228, (202) 874-2040.

This notice does not meet the
Department's criteria for significant
regulations.

Joel C. Taub,

*Associate Director (Management), Bureau of
Engraving and Printing.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Office of the General Counsel; Appointment of Members of the Legal Division to the Performance Review Board, Internal Revenue Service

Under the authority granted to me as
Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue
Service by the General Counsel of the
Department of the Treasury by General
Counsel Order No. 21 (Rev. 4), pursuant
to the Civil Service Reform Act, I have
appointed the following persons to the
Legal Division Performance Review
Board, Internal Revenue Service Panel:

1. Chairperson, Emily A. Parker, Deputy
Chief Counsel (Operations)
2. Gary B. Wilcox, Deputy Chief Counsel
(Technical)
3. Thomas R. Thomas, Deputy Division
Counsel (Small Business/Self-
Employed)
4. Joseph F. Maselli, Area Counsel,
Division Counsel (Large & Mid-Size
Business)
5. Heather C. Maloy, Associate Chief
Counsel (Passthroughs & Special
Industries)
6. Sarah Hall Ingram, Associate Chief
Counsel/Division Counsel (Tax
Exempt and Government Entities).

This publication is required by 5
U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

Dated: September 16, 2002.

B. John Williams, Jr.,

Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Final Information Quality Guidelines

AGENCY: Office of Information and
Technology, Department of Veterans
Affairs.

ACTION: Final guidelines.

SUMMARY: These final guidelines
implement section 515 of the Treasury
and General Government
Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001
(Pub. L. 106-554; H.R. 5658). Section
515 directs the Office of Management
and Budget (OMB) to issue government-
wide guidelines that provide policy and
procedural guidance to Federal agencies
for ensuring and maximizing the
quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity
of information (including statistical
information) disseminated by Federal
agencies. By October 1, 2002, agencies
must issue their own implementing
guidelines that include an
administrative mechanism allowing
affected persons to seek and obtain
correction of information maintained
and disseminated by the agency that
does not comply with agency and OMB
guidelines.

DATES: Effective date: October 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Kenneth Little, Office of Information
and Technology, Department of
Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC
20420. Telephone (202) 273-8051 or by
e-mail to 515.POCS@mail.va.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: VA has
developed guidelines for reviewing and
substantiating (by documentation or
other means selected by the agency) the
quality (including the objectivity,
utility, and integrity) of information
before it is disseminated. In addition,
VA has established administrative
correction procedures allowing affected
persons to seek and obtain, where
appropriate, correction of information
disseminated by VA that does not
comply with OMB or VA guidelines. VA
will apply these standards with
flexibility in a manner appropriate to
the nature and timeliness of information
to be disseminated and incorporate
them into existing VA information
resources management and
administrative practices.

The guidelines are also available at
www.va.gov/oirm/s515.

Dated: September 25, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary:

Ernesto Castro,

Director, Records Management Service.

Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility and Integrity of Information Disseminated By VA

I. Introduction

The Office of Management and Budget
(OMB) required VA to prepare guidelines to
ensure the quality of information
disseminated by the Department. This is in
response to Section 515 requirements of the
Treasury and General Government
Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001
(Pub. L. 106-554; H.R. 5658). Section 515
directed OMB to issue Government-wide
guidelines that provided policy and
procedural guidance to Federal agencies for
issuing their own guidelines for ensuring the
quality of disseminated information.

The guidelines contained herein will apply
flexible, appropriate, and timely quality
standards to the review and substantiation of
data and information before it is
disseminated to the public. They will be
incorporated into existing VA information
resources management and administrative
practices and will include an administrative
procedure to allow affected persons to seek
and obtain corrected information. VA will
report annually, beginning January 1, 2004,
to the Director of OMB, the number and
nature of complaints received and the
resolutions issued.

These guidelines are subject to the
Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44
U.S.C. Chapter 35); OMB Circular A-130;
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C.
552); the Computer Security Act of 1987; and
VA Directive 6102, Internet/Intranet Services.

II. Policy

VA will ensure and maximize the quality,
objectivity, utility, and integrity of
information it disseminates to the public. VA
will take appropriate steps to incorporate
information quality criteria into its
information dissemination practices, and will
ensure that the quality of disseminated
information is consistent with VA's and
OMB's performance standards. Additional
levels of quality standards may be adopted as
appropriate for specific categories of
information.

III. Implementation

Except for those categories of information
that are specifically exempted from coverage,
(see section C, Exceptions), these guidelines
apply to all information disseminated by VA
and VA initiated or sponsored dissemination
of information by VA grantees, contractors, or
cooperators on or after October 1, 2002,
regardless of when the information was first
disseminated.

VA's Assistant Secretary for Information
and Technology/Chief Information Officer
(CIO) serves as the Department official
charged with oversight of these guidelines.
VA officials are responsible for distributing
these guidelines and any modifications
hereafter to appropriate offices within their
organizations.