DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB–6 (Sub–No. 399X)]

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Jefferson County, NE

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 10.8-mile line of railroad between milepost 127.83, near Reynolds, and milepost 117.03, near Endicott, in Jefferson County, NE (line). The line traverses United States Postal Service zip codes 68429, 68350, and 68352.

Applicant has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for the prior 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government agency acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the last two years; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen,* 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on January 9, 2003, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,[1] formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),[2] and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by December 20, 2002. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by December 30, 2002, with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Michael Smith, Esq., Freeborn & Peters, 311 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 3000, Chicago, IL 60606–6677. If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio.*

Applicant has filed a separate environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by December 16, 2002. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423–0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565–1552. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.) Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), BNSF shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by BNSF's filing of a notice of consummation by December 10, 2003, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at *http://www.stb.dot.gov.*

Decided: November 26, 2002.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[1] The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. *See Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines,* 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

[2] Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at $1,100. *See* 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Security Administration

Reports, Forms, and Record Keeping Requirements: Agency Information Collection Activity under OMB Review; Security Programs for Foreign Air Carriers

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration (TSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that TSA has forwarded the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance of an extension of the currently approved collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. TSA published a **Federal Register** notice, with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments, of the following collection of information on August 13, 2002.

DATES: Send your comments by January 9, 2003. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

ADDRESSES: Address your comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: DOT–TSA Desk Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Mullarkey, Office of Security Regulation & Policy, Transportation Security Administration, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001; telephone (202) 385–1236; facsimile (202) 493–1818; e-mail *Dan.Mullarkey@tsa.dot.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

Title: Security Programs for Foreign Air Carriers.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

OMB Control Number: 2110–0006.

Forms(s): 1650–17, 1650–8.

Affected Public: A total of 171 foreign air carriers.

Abstract: The information collected is used to determine compliance of 49 CFR part 1546 and to ensure passenger safety by monitoring foreign air carrier security procedures. These security programs establish procedures that foreign air carriers must carry out to protect persons and property against acts of criminal violence, aircraft piracy, and terrorist activities.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: An estimated 5,193 hours annually.

TSA is soliciting comments to—

(1) evaluate whether the proposed information requirement is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden;

(3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 4, 2002.

Susan T. Tracey,

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Payments to Persons Who Hold Certain Categories of Judgments Against Cuba or Iran

AGENCY: Department of the Treasury; Office of Foreign Assets Control.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice specifies a widening of the scope of eligibility for payment under Section 2002 of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, Pub. L. No. 106–386 (''Section 2002''), that has resulted from an amendment to Section 2002. Section 2002 directs the Secretary of the Treasury to make payments to persons who hold certain categories of judgments against Cuba or Iran in suits brought under 28 U.S.C. 1605(a)(7).

This notice also provides updated telephone numbers for contact persons at the Department of the Treasury.

DATES: This Notice is effective December 10, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions regarding submission of applications, Rochelle E. Stern, Chief, Policy Planning and Program Management Division, Office of Foreign Assets Control, can be reached at 202–622–2500 (not a toll free call). For legal questions, call the Office of the Chief Counsel (Foreign Assets Control) at 202–622–2410 (not a toll free call).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 22, 2000, at 65 FR 70382, the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, published a **Federal Register** Notice (''November Notice'') specifying the procedures necessary for persons to establish their eligibility for payments authorized by Section 2002. The November Notice specified information and documentation that applicants must submit to establish eligibility. Part 2(e) of the November Notice implements Section 2002(a)(2) by providing that an applicant for payment under Section 2002 must meet one of two alternative requirements. To meet the first requirement, Part 2(e)(1) of the November Notice provides that the applicant must establish that he or she had, as of July 20, 2000, a final judgment for a claim brought under 28 U.S.C. 1605(a)(7) against Iran or Cuba. For those applicants who do not satisfy the requirements of Part 2(e)(1), Part 2(e)(2) of the November Notice requires the submission of satisfactory proof of the date on which applicants filed suit against Iran or Cuba under 28 U.S.C. 1605(a)(7), and it lists the five dates upon which applicants must have filed suit in order to be eligible for payment. Such applicants must also establish that they have final judgments in these suits.

On September 30, 2002, Section 2002 was amended by Section 686 of Pub. L. No. 107–228. The amendment of Section 2002(a)(2)(A)(ii) replaced ''or July 27, 2000'' with ''June 6, 2000, July 27, 2000, or January 16, 2002'', adding two additional dates for the filing of suits by persons eligible for payment under Section 2002.

Accordingly, Part 2(e)(2) of the November Notice is amended to read as follows:

(2) If an applicant does not satisfy paragraph (1) above, the applicant shall submit satisfactory proof of the date on which the applicant filed a suit against Iran or Cuba under 28 U.S.C. 1605(a)(7). This proof shall be in the form of a docket sheet or other document that has been certified by the clerk of the court in which the suit was filed. Applicants proceeding under this paragraph shall be eligible for payment only if suit was filed on February 17, 1999, December 13, 1999, January 28, 2000, March 15, 2000, June 6, 2000, July 27, 2000, or January 16, 2002. The applicant must also establish that he or she has a final judgment in this suit by submitting the judgment specified in Part 2(b) above, along with all appellate orders on that judgment, if any, and a signed statement demonstrating why further appellate review is unavailable.

Dated: November 7, 2002.

R. Richard Newcomb,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Approved: November 20, 2002.

Kenneth Lawson,

Assistant Secretary (Enforcement), Department of the Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

President' Task Force To Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92–463 that a meeting of the President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2002, beginning at 8 a.m. and adjourning at 5 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Horizon Ballroom of the Ronald Reagan Building International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC and is open to the general public.

The purpose of the President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans is to:

(a) Identify ways to improve benefits and services for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) beneficiaries and Department of Defense (DOD) military retirees who are also eligible for benefits from VA, through better coordination of the activities of the two departments;

(b) Identify opportunities to remove barriers that impede VA and DOD coordination, including budgeting processes, timely billing, cost accounting, information technology, and reimbursement; and

(c) Identify opportunities through partnership between VA and DOD, to maximize the use of resources and infrastructure, including buildings, information technology and data sharing systems, procurement of supplies, equipment, and services.

The morning and afternoon sessions will be a discussion of format and issues for the final report to the President.

Interested parties can provide written comments to Mr. Dan Amon, Communications Director, President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans, 1401 Wilson Boulevard, 4th Floor, Arlington, Virginia, 22209.

Dated: November 29, 2002.