

with the HMR from the point of offer and at all times until transportation is complete.

**Checked baggage:** Checked baggage containing a hazardous material is offered to the carrier at the point the passenger presents the baggage for acceptance by the carrier. This can occur at curbside check-in, at the ticket counter at the airport, or when the passenger presents the bag to screening personnel for explosive detection screening as a prerequisite to presentation to the carrier. When the baggage is tendered at curbside check-in or the ticket counter to the air carrier, the baggage is considered to have been accepted when the air carrier issues a baggage claim ticket for the checked baggage.

Accordingly, if a passenger's carry-on baggage or checked baggage contains a hazardous material that does not comply with Federal hazardous materials transportation law or the HMR, and the passenger has tendered the baggage to screening personnel at an airport security screening checkpoint, passed through the checkpoint with the baggage (including items on his/her person), or offered it to the carrier, the passenger may be subject to civil or criminal penalties under Federal hazardous materials transportation law, the HMR, or any other applicable laws or regulations. Likewise, an air carrier that knowingly accepts a passenger's carry-on baggage or checked baggage containing a hazardous material that does not comply with Federal hazardous materials transportation law or the HMR may be subject to civil or criminal penalties under Federal hazardous materials transportation law, the HMR, or any other applicable laws or regulations.

#### Information Concerning Passengers Who Need Supplemental Oxygen

The above interpretation does not affect the use of oxygen by passengers at airports. Ticketed passengers using their own oxygen on the ground, who do not intend to transport the oxygen because they are receiving oxygen for the flight from the air carrier, are not considered to be offering their oxygen for transportation on an aircraft when they enter or pass through the security screening checkpoint. Passengers may not carry oxygen aboard an aircraft; it must be provided by the aircraft operator (*see* 49 CFR 175.10 and 14 CFR 121.574).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 174X)]

#### Illinois Central Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Randolph County, IL

Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC)<sup>1</sup> has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 0.45-mile line of railroad between milepost MM 602.55 and milepost 603.0 near Baldwin, in Randolph County, IL. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 62217.

IC has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 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 entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; 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 March 30, 2003, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>2</sup> formal

<sup>1</sup> IC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Canadian National Railway Company.

<sup>2</sup> 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

expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>3</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by March 10, 2003. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by March 20, 2003, 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 IC's representative: Michael J. Barron, Jr., Illinois Central Railroad Company, c/o Canadian National/Illinois Central, 455 North Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, IL 60611-5317.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

IC 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 March 7, 2003. 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), IC 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 IC's filing of a notice of consummation by February 28, 2004, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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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.

<sup>3</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,100. *See* 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

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 Docket No. AB-846X and STB Docket  
No. AB-344 (Sub-No. 2X)]

#### Illinois Indiana Development Company, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in LaPorte County, IN; Chicago Southshore & South Bend Railroad— Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in LaPorte County, IN

Illinois Indiana Development Company, LLC (IIDC) and Chicago Southshore & South Bend Railroad (CSS) have filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* for IIDC to abandon and CSS to discontinue service over an approximately 0.6-mile line of railroad from approximately milepost 157.9, near Dickson Street in Michigan City, northwest across Trail Creek to approximately milepost 158.5, near U.S. Highway 12, in LaPorte County, IN. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 46360.

IIDC and CSS have certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) overhead traffic, if any, can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; 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 these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment or discontinuance 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, these exemptions will be effective on March 30, 2003, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by March 10, 2003. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by March 20, 2003, with: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicants' representative: Troy W. Garris, Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 Nineteenth Street, NW., Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1609.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemptions are void *ab initio*.

Applicants have filed an environmental report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment and discontinuance on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by March 5, 2003. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington DC 20423) 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, historical 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), IIDC 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 IIDC's filing of a notice of consummation by February 28, 2004, and there are no legal or regulatory

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barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 20, 2003.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 31, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

#### Bureau of the Public Debt (PD)

*OMB Number:* 1535-0013.

*Form Number:* PD F 1048 and PD F 2243.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Claim for Lost, Stolen or Destroyed U.S. Savings Bonds (1048); and Supplemental Statement for U.S. Savings Bonds (2243).

*Description:* PD F 1048 and PD F 2243 are used by owner or others having knowledge to request substitute securities or payment of lost, stolen or destroyed securities.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 80,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent:* PD F 1048—20 minutes, PD F 2243—5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden Hours:* 26,400 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1535-0035.

*Form Number:* PD F 4881.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Application for Payment of U.S. Savings Bonds/Notes and/or Related