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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 30186 (Sub-No. 3)]

Tongue River Railroad Co.— Construction and Operation—Western Alignment

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of Decision Allowing Supplemental Pleadings To Be Filed in Construction and Operation Application.¹

SUMMARY: The Board is giving notice that it is allowing the Tongue River Railroad Company (TRRC) to supplement its application,² filed on April 27, 1998, to construct and operate 17.3 miles of track, called the Western Alignment, to be built between Decker, MT, and a point 17.3 miles north of Decker. The track would connect with a rail line previously approved for construction in *Tongue River Railroad Company—Rail Construction and Operation—Ashland to Decker, Montana*, Finance Docket No. 30186 (Sub-No. 2) (STB served Nov. 8, 1996) (*Tongue River II*). The proceeding has been held in abeyance at applicant's request since March 2, 2000. The Board will permit TRRC to tender supplemental evidence. The Board will establish a procedural schedule for replies after TRRC has filed its evidence and the agency has had an opportunity to review it.

DATES: The Board's decision is effective on March 11, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Finance Docket No. 30186 (Sub-No. 3) to: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. All filings must be concurrently served on all parties of record and TRRC's representative: Betty Jo

¹ Notice of this application and an initial procedural schedule were published in the *Federal Register* on June 23, 1998.

² The supplemental information TRRC submits will not address any of the environmental issues raised in this proceeding. These matters will be considered separately in the environmental review process, which will be conducted by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA). SEA intends to reinstitute shortly the environmental review process by publishing an appropriate notice in the *Federal Register*.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 565-1600. [Federal Relay Information Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

Copies of the application are available for public inspection at the offices of either the Surface Transportation Board or the applicant, Tongue River Railroad Company, 550 North 31st Street, Suite 250, P.O. Box 1181, Billings, MT 59102.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Decided: March 10, 2003.

By the Board, Chairman Nober, Vice Chairman Burkes, and Commissioner Morgan.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

[Docket BTS-2002-13790]

Notice of Request To Renew Approval of Information Collection; Collection: OMB No. 2139-0003 (Financial and Operating Statistics for Motor Carriers of Passengers)

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

OMB Control Numbers: 2139-0003 (Form MP-1, Quarterly and Annual Reports).

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the information collection request (ICR) to renew approval for the information collection, the Annual and Quarterly Reports for Class I Motor Carriers of Passengers (Form MP-1) has been sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This information collection is necessary to ensure that motor carriers comply with financial and operating statistics requirements as prescribed in the BTS regulations (49 CFR 1420). The *Federal Register* notice allowing for a 60-day comment period on this information collection was published on November 15, 2002 (67 FR 69300). This notice is

required under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA).

DATES: Comments must be submitted to OMB on or before April 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW., Room 10202, Washington, DC 20502, ATTN: Desk Officer for the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. Comments should identify the docket number, BTS-2002-13790, and be submitted in duplicate. OMB requests comments by April 14, 2003 to process the information collection request expeditiously.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Background

The Quarterly and Annual Report of Motor Carriers of Passengers (Form MP-1) is a mandated reporting requirement for any for-hire Class I motor carriers of passengers that have annual operating