

equal or higher level of safety, DEGT will be required to fully comply with § 192.611 by September 2004.

**Authority:** 49 App. U.S.C. 60118(c) and 2015; and 49 CFR 1.53.

Issued in Washington, DC on June 5, 2003.

**Stacey L. Gerard,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34351]

#### Sierra Railroad Company—Acquisition of Control Exemption—Yolo Shortline Railroad Company

Sierra Railroad Company (SRC) and Yolo Shortline Railroad Company (YSL), Class III rail carriers, have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption for SRC to acquire control of YSL through stock purchase of YSL's parent, Midland Railroad Enterprises Corporation.<sup>1</sup>

The transaction is expected to be consummated by June 30, 2003.

SRC and YSL state that: (i) The railroads do not connect; (ii) the transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect these railroads with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Accordingly, the Board may not impose labor protective conditions here, because all of the carriers involved are Class III rail carriers.

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

<sup>1</sup> In addition to this acquisition, the parties plan a corporate reorganization. To obtain necessary Board authorization for this subsequent transaction, on June 3, 2003, the parties filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3) in STB Finance Docket No. 34360, *Sierra Railroad Company—Corporate Family Merger Exemption—Yolo Shortline Railroad Company*.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34351, 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: Michael G. Hart, 220 Sierra Avenue, Oakdale, CA 95361 and David Magaw, 341 Industrial Way, Woodland, CA 95776.

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

Decided: June 5, 2003.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Application For Transfer of Spirits and/or Denatured Spirits in Bond.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before August 11, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Kristi Colon, Regulations and Procedures Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8210.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Application For Transfer of Spirits and/or Denatured Spirits in Bond.

**OMB Number:** 1513-0038.

**Form Number:** TTB F 5100.16.

**Abstract:** TTB F 5100.16 is completed by distilled spirits plant proprietors who wish to receive spirits in bond from other distilled spirits plants. TTB uses the information to determine if the applicant has sufficient bond coverage for the additional tax liability assumed when spirits are transferred in bond. Records are kept as long as the approved application remains in effect.

**Current Actions:** There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

**Type of Review:** Extension.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 250.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 300.

**Request for Comments:** Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: June 3, 2003.

**William H. Foster,**

*Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

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