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Environmental and Energy Considerations

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 603(b), we conclude that our action in this proceeding will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The purpose and effect of the action is merely to update the annual railroad industry revenue adequacy finding. No new reporting or other regulatory requirements are imposed, directly or indirectly, on small entities.

Decided: June 20, 2003.

By the Board, Chairman Nober.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 207X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption-in Lancaster County, NE

On June 12, 2003, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a rail line known as the Jamaica Industrial Lead, formerly called the Lincoln Subdivision, from the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company connection at milepost 56.43 to the end of the line at milepost 57.00 in Lincoln, NE, a distance of 0.57 miles in Lancaster County, NE. The line traverses United States Postal Service zip codes 68508 and 68528.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in UP's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by September 30, 2003.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,100 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than July 22, 2003. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 207X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Mack H. Shumate, Jr., 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920, Chicago, IL 60606. Replies to the petition are due on or before July 22, 2003.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment and discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1552. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.)

An environmental assessment (EA) (or an environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary), prepared by SEA, will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days after the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: June 23, 2003.

By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Financial Management Service

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 Financial Management Service (FMS) within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Survey of Federal Benefit Recipients. The Federal Reserve Bank (FRB) of St. Louis, on behalf of FMS/Treasury, is conducting this EFT Survey in support of FMS' on-going initiatives to increase the use of EFT for Federal payments. The FRB of St. Louis and its contractor, Wirthlin Worldwide, will conduct this study of Social Security Title II and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit payment recipients to identify barriers to significant increases in EFT for benefit payments.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 2, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Michael Dressler, 401 14th St., SW., Room 426B, Washington, DC 20227, (202) 874-7082; e-mail address: eftsurvey@fms.treas.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Eleanor Kelly, 401 14th St., SW., Room 314, Washington, DC 20227, (202) 874-6838, e-mail address: eleanor.kelly@fms.treas.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Study of Federal Benefit Recipients.

Regulation Project Number: Public Law 104-134, Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996.

Current Actions: The legislative language accompanying Public Law 104-134, The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, direct the disbursing official (the Secretary of the Treasury) "to study the characteristics of those who currently do not have Direct Deposit and determine how best to increase usage among all groups." 142 Cong. Rec. H4091 (daily ed. April 25, 1996). The Federal Reserve Bank (FRB) of St. Louis and its contractor, Wirthlin Worldwide Communications, on behalf of FMS/Treasury, plan to conduct five phases of a study that includes: (1) A mail survey with Federal benefit check recipients, and (2) a follow-up postcard survey to the non-respondent mail survey recipients; (3) a telephone survey with Federal benefit recipients who use Direct Deposit; (4) an incidence screen (postcard) survey of unbanked Federal benefit recipients; and, (5) a pilot survey in one location of indigent benefit check recipients. The mail survey phase of the study will provide quantitative research information from approximately 2,000 Federal benefit check recipients. The telephone survey phase of the study will provide research information from approximately 200 Federal benefit recipients who use Direct Deposit. The

postcard survey will provide research information from approximately 200 unbanked benefit check recipients and the pilot survey will provide research information from approximately 15 indigent benefit check recipients. FMS, the FRB of St. Louis and its contractor estimated that the mail survey questions will take approximately 30 minutes for response; the follow-up non-response postcard survey will take approximately 10 minutes for response; the telephone survey questions will be asked in approximately a 25-minute telephone call with each respondent; the unbanked postcard survey will take approximately 5 minutes for response; and, the pilot survey of indigent benefit check recipients will take approximately 60 minutes for each respondent. The results of the study will be used to develop a marketing and communications plan that will serve as the basis for a nationwide multi-media EFT campaign. The results of the study also will provide information that will guide the development of potential new electronic payment mechanisms and possible modifications to existing EFT products, including Direct Deposit and the Electronic Transfer Account (ETA).

Type of Review: New.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000 mail survey, 100 non-respondent survey, 200 telephone survey, 200 unbanked postcard survey, 15 indigent survey (mail survey tool), 2,515 total respondents

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 minutes—mail survey, 10 minutes—non-respondent survey, 23 minutes—telephone survey, 5 minutes—unbanked postcard survey, 60 minutes—indigent survey

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,137 hours.

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 26, 2003.

Betty H. Lane,

Assistant Commissioner, Federal Finance.
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