

(5) Pain Forms (Respondents—Claimants)
Number of Responses: 1,000,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 250,000 hours.

5. *International Direct Deposit—31 CFR 210—0960—NEW.* SSA uses the information collected on the International Direct Deposit (IDD) Form, form SSA-1199 (Country), to enroll beneficiaries residing abroad in the IDD program. There are currently 39 countries where IDD is now available, and SSA plans to expand this service to other countries as it becomes available. The SSA-1199 (Country) is named according to the country for its intended use, but will always request the same basic enrollment information. This form is a variation of the SF-1199 A, Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form, which is used to enroll a beneficiary in direct deposit to a U.S. financial institution. The respondents are beneficiaries living in a foreign country who request Direct Deposit to a financial institution in their country of residence.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Average Burden: 417 hours.

Dated: January 28, 2004.

Elizabeth A. Davidson,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Secretarial Extension of Authority; Marine War Risk Insurance Under Title XII of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936

On December 12, 2001, President George W. Bush approved the provision of vessel war risk insurance by memorandum for the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Transportation. The approval was for the provision by the Secretary of Transportation of insurance or reinsurance of vessels (including cargoes and crew) entering the Middle East region against loss or damage by war risks in the manner and to the extent approved in Title XII of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 as amended (Act), 46 U.S.C App. 1281, *et seq.*

The President delegated to the Secretary of Transportation the

authority vested in him by section 1202 of the Act, to approve the provision of insurance or reinsurance after the expiration of 6 months and to bring this approval to the attention of all operators and to arrange for its publication in the **Federal Register**.

On January 13, 2004 the Secretary of Transportation approved the extension of the authority to provide such insurance for a 1 year period, beginning December 13, 2003.

Dated: January 29, 2004.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34438]

Huron & Eastern Railway Company, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Central Michigan Railway Company

Huron & Eastern Railway Company, Inc. (HESR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from the Central Michigan Railway Company (CMRY) and operate approximately 99.87 miles of rail line, as follows: (1) The Midland Sub, between milepost 0.0 and milepost 15.0; (2) between Durand, MI (milepost 0.0) and Wheeler, MI (milepost 3.5); (3) between Genesee, MI (milepost 101.3) and Paines, MI (milepost 96.0); (4) between Interstate Highway 75 (milepost 17.21) and CSX Yard (milepost 18.07); (5) between Durand (milepost 69.2) and M21 (milepost 80.8); (6) the Anderson Lead, between milepost 79.2 and milepost 81.4; (7) the Owosso Industrial Track, between milepost 80.1 and milepost 0.7; (8) between Marquette, MI (milepost 0.0) and Prairie, MI (milepost 1.7); (9) between Essexville CMR Bridge (milepost 0.1) and Pine Street (milepost 2.87); (10) between Wheeler (milepost 3.5) and MDOT ownership (milepost 5.0); and (11) the HECLA Belt line between the east line of Patterson Street in West Bay City, MI (milepost 1.9) and the end of the line (milepost 2.8).¹

HESR is also acquiring the right to operate over the Bay City Yard Line²

¹ An amendment was filed on January 6, 2004, reflecting the correct length of the HECLA Belt line.

² The Bay City Yard Line is owned by the Detroit & Mackinac Railway Company (D&M), an affiliate of CMRY. Lake State Railway Company (Lake State) has an easement to operate over, and CMRY has

between the south end of North Bay City Yard (milepost 55.77) and the north end of North Bay City Yard at the Centerline of Bangor Road (milepost 2.62).³

Additionally, HESR is acquiring approximately 16.55 miles of incidental trackage rights as follows: (1) Over Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company, (a) over the Saginaw Subdivision, between milepost 0.00 and milepost 0.60, (b) over the Holly-Grand Rapids Subdivision, between milepost 65.50 and milepost 69.00,⁴ and (c) over the Flint Subdivision, between milepost 253.0 and milepost 255.4; (2) over D&M, a distance of approximately 5.75 miles from D&M's junction with CMRY near Total Refinery in Bay City, MI, north to a point near milepost 3.4 and the Kawkawlin River in Kawkawlin, MI;⁵ (3) over CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) for overhead trackage rights over approximately 2.9 miles of rail line owned by CSXT, from milepost BBO 7 at or near the Mershon Switch east to milepost CB 1 near the Saginaw Yard (a distance of approximately 1.7 miles), then from milepost CB 1 southeast to milepost CC 2.2, at or near the Hoyt Diamond (a distance of approximately 1.2 miles), at which point HESR would connect with the former CMRY main line;⁶ and (4) over CSXT for about 4.0 miles in Saginaw, MI, from the clearance point at the intersection of the CMRY/CSXT connection track of the Grand Rapids Wye Track, through CSXT's Saginaw main, yard, and connection trackage to CSXT's ownership point at the connection with HESR at Saginaw (milepost CBB 2.0) on CSXT's Bad Axe Subdivision.⁷

Finally, HESR is accepting assignment of trackage rights over lines of CMRY

operating rights over and through, the Bay City Yard Line. HESR will acquire CMRY's right to operate over the Bay City Yard Line, but D&M will remain the owner of the real property and Lake State will retain its easement.

³ This is the entire rail trackage of CMRY, except for a 1.77-mile segment that was approved for abandonment in *Central Michigan Railway Company-Abandonment Exemption—in Saginaw County, MI*, STB Docket No. AB-308 (Sub-No. 3X) (STB served Oct. 31, 2003).

⁴ See *Central Michigan Railway Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Certain Lines of Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company*, ICC Finance Docket No. 31059 (ICC served July 13, 1987).

⁵ See *Central Michigan Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Detroit & Mackinac Railway Company*, ICC Finance Docket No. 32404 (ICC served Dec. 14, 1993).

⁶ See *Central Michigan Railway Company and CSX Transportation, Inc.—Joint Relocation Project Exemption—in Saginaw, MI*, STB Finance Docket No. 34021 (STB served May 17, 2001).

⁷ See *Central Michigan Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—CSX Transportation, Inc.*, STB Finance Docket No. 34241 (STB served Aug. 29, 2002).

that have been granted to CSXT,⁸ Lake State,⁹ Tuscola and Saginaw Bay Railway Company,¹⁰ and any other agreed upon trackage rights that have been approved or exempted.¹¹

HESR certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier.

Because the projected revenues of the rail lines to be operated will exceed \$5 million, HESR has certified to the Board that the required notice of its acquisition and operation was posted at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines, and a copy of the notice was served on the national offices of the labor unions of the employees on the affected lines on November 26, 2003. See 49 CFR 1150.42(e). The earliest the transaction could have been consummated was January 25, 2004, the effective date of the exemption (60 days after HESR's November 26, 2003 certification to the Board).

If the verified 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 automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34438, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423—

⁸ See *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Trackage Rights—Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company*, ICC Finance Docket No. 31114 (ICC served Sept. 29, 1987).

⁹ See *Lake State Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Central Michigan Railway Company*, ICC Finance Docket No. 32018 (ICC served Feb. 27, 1992).

¹⁰ See *Tuscola and Saginaw Bay Railway Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated and Central Michigan Railway Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 33822 (STB served Apr. 12, 2000).

¹¹ On December 3, 2003, Lake State, a Class III rail carrier, filed a letter expressing concerns regarding the proposed transaction. Lake State explained that it was concerned with the potential impact of the transaction because its own viability depends upon the use of trackage rights over a five-mile portion of CMRY's rail line in North Bay City, MI, and because of certain market power issues related to the dominant position already held by HESR's parent, RailAmerica, Inc. However, by letter filed on January 8, 2004, Lake State informed the Board that the concerns raised in its December 3 letter have been resolved and that the letter should be regarded as withdrawn.

On December 22, 2003, correspondence was received from U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak of Michigan supporting consideration of the interests of customers who currently use the services of CMRY, and urging that current rates and routing agreements, as well as other current operating conditions, be considered and maintained to help ensure the continued economic viability of the businesses and industries in Michigan.

0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Louis E. Gitomer, 1455 F Street, NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

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Decided: January 27, 2004.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 720-CS

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

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 IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 720-CS, Carrier Summary Report.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 5, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage at Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3945, or through the Internet at CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Carrier Summary Report.

OMB Number: 1545-1733.

Form Number: 720-CS.

Abstract: Representatives of the motor fuel industry, state governments, and the Federal government are working to ensure compliance with excise taxes on motor fuels. This joint effort has

resulted in a system to track the movement of all products to and from terminals. Form 720-CS is an information return that will be used by carriers to report their monthly deliveries and receipts of products to and from terminals.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 475.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 385 hours, 19 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 183,027.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

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.

Approved: January 29, 2004.

Glenn P. Kirkland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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