

(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 0.0) 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).