

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34465]

Mendocino Railway—Acquisition Exemption—Assets of the California Western Railroad

Mendocino Railway (Mendocino), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire, through California Western Railroad's (CWR) trustee in bankruptcy and with the approval of the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California, the rail assets of CWR.¹ The assets consist of all rail lines owned by CWR between milepost 0 and milepost 40. Mendocino states that, on February 11, 2004, the sale of CWR's assets was authorized by order of the Bankruptcy Court and that CWR's trustee was authorized to sell the railroad assets of CWR to SRC.

Mendocino intends initially to operate CWR with the help of Mendocino's affiliated entities: Sierra Northern Railway (a Class III rail carrier), Midland Railroad Enterprises Corporation (a railroad construction and track maintenance company), and Sierra Entertainment (a tourism, entertainment, and passenger operations company). Mendocino states that it is negotiating an agreement with Hawthorne Timber Company, LLC (Hawthorne) for the transfer to Mendocino of Hawthorne's fee interest in the real property underlying CWR's tracks. Mendocino anticipates completing the acquisition by mid March 2004 and to begin operations on or about May 1, 2004.

Mendocino certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction do not exceed \$5 million per year and do not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier.

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. 34465, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Torgny Nilsson, General Counsel, 341 Industrial Way, Woodland, CA 95776.

Board decisions and notices are available on the Board's Web site at www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: April 2, 2004.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Report of International Transportation of Currency or Monetary Instruments—Accompanied by an Individual, FinCEN Form 105 (CMIR Form 105), and Report of International Transportation of Currency or Monetary Instruments—Shipment, Mailing, or Receipt, FinCEN Form 106 (CMIR Form 106)

AGENCY: Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, FinCEN invites comment on a proposed information collection contained in the Report of International Transportation of Currency or Monetary Instruments ("CMIR"), which is being separated into two forms, as explained below. As a result of this change, individuals who accompany the transportation of more than \$10,000 in currency or other monetary instruments into or from the United States will use the Report of International Transportation of Currency or Monetary Instruments—Accompanied by an Individual (revised FinCEN Form 105). Persons that mail, ship, or receive more than \$10,000 in currency or other monetary instruments into or from the United States will use the Report of International Transportation of Currency or Monetary Instruments—Shipment, Mailing, or Receipt (new FinCEN Form 106). This request for comments is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

DATES: Written comments are welcome and must be received on or before June 8, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Office of Chief Counsel, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, P.O. Box 39, Vienna, Virginia 22183, Attention:

PRA Comments—CMIR-Forms 105 and 106. Comments also may be submitted by electronic mail to the following Internet address:

regcomments@fincen.treas.gov, again with a caption, in the body of the text, "Attention: PRA Comments—CMIR-Forms 105 and 106."

Inspection of comments. Comments may be inspected, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., in the FinCEN reading room in Washington, DC. Persons wishing to inspect the comments submitted must request an appointment by telephoning (202) 354-6400.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel Haley, Regulatory Compliance Program Specialist, Office of Regulatory Programs, FinCEN, at (202) 354-6400, and Cynthia Clark, Office of Chief Counsel, FinCEN, at (703) 905-3590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Report of International Transportation of Currency or Monetary Instruments—Accompanied by an Individual, and Report of International Transportation of Currency or Monetary Instruments—Shipment, Mailing, or Receipt.

OMB Number: 1506-0014—FinCEN Form 105 (an OMB number for FinCEN Form 106 has not yet been assigned).

Form Number: FinCEN Form 105 and FinCEN Form 106 respectively.

Abstract: The statute generally referred to as the "Bank Secrecy Act," Titles I and II of Public Law 91-508, as amended, codified at 12 U.S.C. 1829b, 12 U.S.C. 1951-1959, and 31 U.S.C. 5311-5332, authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, *inter alia*, to issue regulations requiring records and reports that are determined to have a high degree of usefulness in criminal, tax, and regulatory matters, or in the conduct of intelligence or counter-intelligence activities, to protect against international terrorism. Regulations implementing Title II of the Bank Secrecy Act (codified at 31 U.S.C. 5311-5332) appear at 31 CFR part 103. The authority of the Secretary to administer the Bank Secrecy Act has been delegated to the Director of FinCEN.

The Bank Secrecy Act specifically states that "a person or an agent or bailee of the person shall file a report * * * when the person, agent, or bailee knowingly—(1) transports, is about to transport, or has transported, monetary instruments of more than \$10,000 at one time—(A) from a place in the United States to or through a place outside the United States; or (B) to a place in the United States from or through a place outside the United States; or (2) receives monetary instruments of more than \$10,000 at one time transported into the

¹ Mendocino is a California corporation formed for the purpose of acquiring and operating CWR. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sierra Railroad Company (SRC).