

risk of being contacted, nor is there any risk of startling the driver;

(4) The drivers are sensitized to the delay and can take corrective actions once they have experienced the delay. They will know to expect it in future cold starts and can increase the engine speed to avoid the temporary effect of transmission engagement delay; and

(5) If a subject vehicle is prone to the condition of transmission engagement delay, the occurrence will arise early in the vehicle's lifecycle when it is fully covered by warranty. BMW's analysis of the warranty claims suggests that most of the potentially affected vehicles have already been repaired.

ODI has received a total of 13 consumer complaints (including one from the petitioner, who has a GM5 transmission) regarding this issue, of which 11 are unique to ODI. Like those reported to BMW, none of these complaints involved a crash, injury, or fatality. Information contained in the ODI consumer complaints and from telephone interviews with complainants is consistent with BMW's assessment of the safety consequences of the alleged defect. The reported transmission delay period ranged from 4 seconds to 75 seconds, with an average of 20 seconds. The complainants indicated that the delay only occur during "cold start," after the vehicle has been parked overnight. Drivers learned to shorten the delay by increasing the engine speed; when the engine speed is increased, the vehicle creeps forward until the transmission is fully engaged. One complainant indicated that he shortens or eliminates the delay by shifting the transmission in Drive but keeping the vehicle stationary for 30 seconds with the brakes applied for pressure to build up in the transmission.

As the petitioner noted, it is possible for a driver to back a subject vehicle into the street from a driveway and then not to be able to move forward as normal. While this could theoretically create a safety problem, the risk is very small, and there are no reported crashes or injuries due to the alleged defect. As mentioned previously, once they are aware of the problem, the drivers appear to have learned to take precautionary and compensatory measures.

In view of the foregoing, it is unlikely that the NHTSA would issue an order for the notification and remedy of the alleged defect as defined by the petitioner at the conclusion of the investigation requested in the petition. Therefore, in view of the need to allocate and prioritize the NHTSA's limited resources to best accomplish the agency's safety mission, the petition is denied.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30162(d); delegations of authority at CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

Issued on: May 5, 2004.

Kenneth N. Weinstein,
Associate Administrator for Enforcement.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 172X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Marshall County, KS

On April 21, 2004, the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed with the Surface Transportation Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a 5.30-mile line of railroad known as the Vliets Industrial Lead, extending from milepost 409.10, near Frankfort, to milepost 403.80, near Vliets, in Marshall County, KS. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 66427 and 66544, and includes no stations.

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 August 9, 2004.

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 June 1, 2004. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$200 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. 172X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K

Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920, Chicago, IL 60606. Replies to the UP petition are due on or before June 1, 2004.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment and discontinuance procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or 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) 565-1539. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or 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 <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

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

Decided: May 4, 2004.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Registration of Money Services Business— Accompanied by FinCEN Form 107, Registration of Money Services Business

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 a revised form, Registration of Money Services Business, FinCEN Form 107 (formerly Form TD F 90-