United Republic of Tanzania, Republic of Uganda, Republic of Zambia.

Sub-Saharan African Countries Not Designated as Beneficiary Countries

The following have not been designated as beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries for 2004:

Burkina Faso, Republic of Burundi, Central African Republic, Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros, Republic of Equatorial Guinea, State of Eritrea, Republic of Liberia, Somalia, Republic of Togo, Republic of Sudan, Republic of Zimbabwe.

Requirements for Submissions: In order to facilitate the prompt processing of submissions, USTR strongly urges and prefers electronic (e-mail) submissions to *FR0444@ustr.gov* in response to this notice. In the event that an e-mail submission is impossible, submissions should be made by facsimile. Persons making submissions by e-mail should use the following subject line: ''2004 AGOA Annual Country Review.'' Documents should be submitted as WordPerfect, MSWord, or text (.TXT) files. Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets are acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel. For any document containing business confidential information submitted electronically, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters ''BC–'' and the file name of the public version should begin with the characters ''P–''. The ''P–'' or ''BC–''should be followed by the name of the submitter. Persons who make submissions by e-mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. Similarly, to the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

Written comments will be placed in a file open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.5, except confidential business information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6. Confidential business information submitted in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6 must be clearly marked ''BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL'' at the top of each page, including any cover letter or cover page, and must be accompanied by a nonconfidential summary of the confidential information. All public documents and nonconfidential summaries shall be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public, by appointment only, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. An appointment to review the file may be made by calling (202) 395–6186. Appointments must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance.

Carmen Suro-Bredie,

Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on May 28, 2004, and comments were due by July 27, 2004. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 27, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Kurfehs, Maritime Administration, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366–2318; FAX: (202) 493–2180; or e-mail: *bill.kurfehs@marad.dot.gov.* Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Maritime Administration (MARAD)

Title: Application and Reporting Requirements for Participation in the Maritime Security Program.

OMB Control Number: 2133–0525.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Vessel operators.

Forms: None.

Abstract: The Maritime Security Act of 2003 provides for the enrollment of qualified vessels in the Maritime Security Program Fleet. Applications and amendments are used to select vessels for the fleet. Periodic reporting is used to monitor adherence of contractors to program parameters.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 224 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Authority: 49 CFR 1.66.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 20, 2004.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34535] [1]

Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad, Inc.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Atlantic & Pacific Railroad and Transportation Company

Atlantic & Pacific Railroad and Transportation Company (APR) has agreed to grant local and overhead trackage rights to Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad, Inc. (KO), over 4 miles of rail line extending from the point of interchange with KO's main line at approximately milepost 87.0 (at or near Chase, KS) to the point of interchange with KO's main line at approximately milepost 91.0 (at or near Silica, KS).[2]

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or after August 13, 2004, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the notice was filed).

[1] Through inadvertence, the docket number originally assigned to this proceeding was STB Finance Docket No. 34520.

[2] APR states that it has filed a notice f exemption to lease the line from KO and operate it. *See Atlantic & Pacific Railroad and Transportation Company-Lease and Operation Exemption-Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad*, STB Finance Docket No. 34451 (STB served July 20, 2004).

The purpose of the trackage rights is to allow KO to continue to provide rail service over the subject line.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If the 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. 34535, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Craig Richey, 315 W. 3rd Street, Pittsburg, KS 66762.

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

Decided: August 20, 2004.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Comment Request for Financial Literacy and Education Commission National Strategy

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, Treasury.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Financial Literacy and Education Improvement Act established the Financial Literacy and Education Commission. On behalf of the Commission, the Department of the Treasury invites the public to comment on the development of a national strategy to promote the basic financial literacy and financial education of everyone in the United States.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before October 31, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Department of the Treasury, Financial Literacy and Education Commission, Room 5001B, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220, or via e-mail to *flecstrategy@do.treas.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Michael Schutt at (202) 622–5770 (not a toll-free call), or by e-mail to the above address.

Additional information regarding the Commission and the Department of the Treasury's Office of Financial Education may be obtained through the Office of Financial Education's Web site at: *http://www.treas.gov/financialeducation*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Financial Literacy and Education Improvement Act, which is Title V of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 (the ''FACT Act'') (Pub. L. 108–159), established the Financial Literacy and Education Commission to improve financial literacy and financial education of persons in the United States.

Request for Comments: Comments are specifically requested concerning: (1) What are the three most important issues that the national strategy should address, and why? (2) What existing resources may be used to address those issues, and how could they be employed? (3) What are the best ways to improve financial literacy and financial education in the United States? Commenters are urged to keep comments succinct and responsive to these questions.

The Commission: The Commission is chaired by the Secretary of the Treasury and is composed of the heads of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; the Office of Thrift Supervision; the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; the National Credit Union Administration; the Securities and Exchange Commission; the Departments of Education, Agriculture, Defense, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Labor, and Veterans Affairs; the Federal Trade Commission; the General Services Administration; the Small Business Administration; the Social Security Administration; the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and the Office of Personnel Management. The Commission is required, not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of the FACT Act, to develop a national strategy to promote basic financial literacy and education among all American consumers. The FACT Act was enacted on December 4, 2003.

Dated: August 20, 2004.

Dan Iannicola, Jr.,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Disciplinary Appeals Board Panel

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice with request for comments.

SUMMARY: Section 203 of the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Personnel Act of 1991 (Pub. L. 102–40), dated May 7, 1991, revised the disciplinary grievance and appeal procedures for employees appointed under 38 U.S.C. 7401(1). It also required the periodic designation of employees of the Department who are qualified to serve on Disciplinary Appeals Boards. These employees constitute the Disciplinary Appeals Board panel from which Board members in a case are appointed. This notice announces that the roster of employees on the panel is available for review and comment. Employees, employee organizations, and other interested parties shall be provided, without charge, a list of the names of employees on the panel upon request and may submit comments concerning the suitability for service on the panel of any employee whose name is on the list.

DATES: Names that appear on the panel may be selected to serve on a Board or as a grievance examiner after September 27, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Requests for the list of names of employees on the panel and written comments may be directed to: Secretary of Veterans Affairs (051E), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Requests and comments may also be faxed to (202) 273–9776.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine Baranek, Employee Relations Specialist (051), Office of Human Resources Management and Labor Relations, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Ms. Baranek may be reached at (336) 631–5019.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pub. L. 102–40 requires that the availability of the roster be posted in the **Federal Register** periodically, and not less than annually.

Dated: August 19, 2004.

Anthony J. Principi,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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