

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Docket No. AB-812X]

Stockton Terminal and Eastern Railroad—Abandonment Exemption—in San Joaquin County, CA

Stockton Terminal and Eastern Railroad (STE) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 3,600 feet of rail line extending from the west edge of North Duncan Road to the end of the line near North Wall Road, in Linden, San Joaquin County, CA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 95236.

STE has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on November 17, 2004, unless stayed pending reconsideration.

Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. *See Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Effective October 31, 2004, the filing fee for an OFA will increase to \$1,200. *See Regulations*

use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by October 28, 2004. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by November 8, 2004, with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to STE's representative: Thomas F. McFarland, 208 South LaSalle St., Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604-1112.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

STE has filed an environmental report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by October 22, 2004. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1539. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), STE shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by STE's filing of a notice of consummation by October 18, 2005, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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

Decided: October 8, 2004.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection with Licensing and Related Services—2004 Update, STB Ex Parte No. 542 (Sub-No. 11) (STB served Oct. 1, 2004).

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY**Office of the Secretary****Notice of Call for Redemption: 11^{3/4} Percent Treasury Bonds of 2005–10; Washington, DC**

October 15, 2004.

1. Public notice is hereby given that all outstanding 11^{3/4} percent Treasury Bonds of 2005–10 (CUSIP No. 912810 CM 8) dated February 15, 1980, due February 15, 2010, are hereby called for redemption at par on February 15, 2005, on which date interest on such bonds will cease.

2. Full information regarding the presentation and surrender of such bonds held in coupon and registered form for redemption under this call will be found in Department of the Treasury Circular No. 300 dated March 4, 1973, as amended (31 CFR part 306), and from the Definitives Section of the Bureau of the Public Debt (telephone (304) 480-7936), and on the Bureau of the Public Debt's Web site, <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov>.

3. Redemption payments for such bonds held in book-entry form, whether on the books of the Federal Reserve Banks or in *Treasury-Direct* accounts, will be made automatically on February 15, 2005.

Donald V. Hammond,

Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for the Statistics of Income (SOI) Corporate Survey**

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 the Statistics of Income (SOI) Corporate Survey.