

Class III railroad. *See Patrick D. Broe and OmniTRAX, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Alabama & Tennessee River Railway, LLC*, STB Finance Docket No. 34615 (STB served Dec. 17, 2004). In a transaction scheduled to occur on or after December 31, 2004, ATN will lease and operate certain rail lines in Alabama.⁴

Applicants state that: (1) the rail lines operated by CRL, GWRC, GWR, CBGR, MJ, NSR, NOW, PNR, ATR, and FCR do not connect with the rail lines being purchased or leased by KFR; (2) the continuance in control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the rail lines being acquired by KFR with any railroad in the OmniTRAX corporate family; and (3) neither KFR nor any of the carriers controlled by OmniTRAX are Class I rail carriers. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. *See* 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2). The purpose of the transaction is to reduce overhead expenses, coordinate billing, maintenance, mechanical and personnel policies and practices of its rail carrier subsidiaries and thereby improve the overall efficiency of rail service provided by the 11 railroads.

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Accordingly, the Board may not impose labor protective conditions here, because all of the carriers involved are Class III carriers.

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. 34617, 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 Karl Morell, Of Counsel, Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

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⁴ The rail lines being leased by ATN will not connect with the rail lines being acquired by KFR.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34616]

Kettle Falls International Railway, LLC—Acquisition Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

Kettle Falls International Railway, LLC (KFR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire by purchase and lease from The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) rail lines in the State of Washington. The rail lines being purchased are between: (1) milepost 4.7, near West Kettle Falls, WA, and milepost 34.375, at the United States-Canadian border; and (2) milepost 48.79, at the United States-Canadian border, and milepost 77.14, at San Poil, WA.¹ The rail lines being leased are between: (1) milepost 0.0, near Kettle Falls, and milepost 4.7, near West Kettle Falls; and (2) milepost 61.0 near Chewelah, WA, and milepost 139.71, at the United States-Canadian border.² In addition, KFR will acquire incidental overhead trackage rights over the rail line between milepost 0.0 near Kettle Falls, and milepost 4.7, near West Kettle Falls. While KFR is leasing that 4.7-mile line, KFR is acquiring the incidental trackage rights to ensure continued access to BNSF for interchange at Kettle Falls from the rail line KFR is purchasing in the event the lease of the line between Kettle Falls and West Kettle Falls expires or is terminated.

¹ The rail line that KFR is purchasing is located between milepost 4.7, near West Kettle Falls, and milepost 77.14, at San Poil. While the termini of this line are located in the State of Washington, the segment of the line between milepost 34.375 and milepost 48.79 is located in British Columbia, Canada. Consequently, the Board has jurisdiction only over the acquisition of the two segments in the United States described above.

² The rail segment that KFR is leasing is located between milepost 61.0, near Chewelah, and milepost 144.0, near Columbia Gardens, British Columbia, Canada. The segment of the Chewelah-Columbia Gardens line between milepost 139.71 and milepost 144.0 is located in British Columbia. Consequently, the Board has jurisdiction only over the lease of the line segment in the United States described here. BNSF is retaining restricted trackage rights over the segment of the line KFR is leasing between milepost 61.0, near Chewelah, and milepost 96.0, near Kettle Falls.

The transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 34617, *Patrick D. Broe and OmniTRAX, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Kettle Falls International Railway, LLC*, wherein Patrick D. Broe and OmniTRAX, Inc., have concurrently filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of KFR upon KFR's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

KFR certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in KFR's becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier, and further certifies that its projected annual revenues will not exceed \$5 million.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or shortly after December 10, 2004.

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. 34616, 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 Karl Morell, Of Counsel, Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

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Decided: December 20, 2004.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Financial Management Service; Proposed Collection of Information: List of Data (A) and List of Data (B)

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Financial Management Service, 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 a continuing information collection. By this notice, the Financial Management

Service solicits comments concerning the form "List of Data (A) and List of Data (B)."

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 28, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Financial Management Service, 3700 East West Highway, Records and Information Management Program Staff, Room 135, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Rose Miller, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East West Highway, Room 632F, Hyattsville, MD 20782, (202) 874-6850.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Financial Management Service solicits comments on the collection of information described below:

Title: List of Data (A) and List of Data (B).

OMB Number: 1510-0047.

Form Number: TFS 2211.

Abstract: This information is collected from insurance companies to assist Treasury Department in determining acceptability of the companies applying for a Certificate of Authority to write or reinsure Federal Study bonds.

Current Actions: Extension of currently approved collection.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 18 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 540.

Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation,

maintenance and purchase of services to provide information.

Wanda Rogers,

Assistant Commissioner, Financial Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Financial Management Service; Proposed Collection of Information: Schedule of Excess Risks

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Financial Management Service, 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 a continuing information collection. By this notice, the Financial Management Service solicits comments concerning the form "Schedule of Excess Risks."

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 28, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Financial Management Service, 3700 East West Highway, Records and Information Management Program Staff, Room 135, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Rose Miller, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East West Highway, Room 632F, Hyattsville, MD 20782, (202) 874-6850.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Financial Management Service solicits comments on the collection of information described below:

Title: Schedule of Excess Risks.

OMB Number: 1510-0004.

Form Number: FMS 285-A.

Abstract: This information is collected to assist the Treasury Department in determining whether a certified or applicant company is solvent and able to carry out its contracts, and whether the company is in compliance with Treasury excess risk regulations for writing Federal surety bonds.

Current Actions: Extension of currently approved collection.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,094.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 20 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,920.

Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance that quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance and purchase of services to provide information.

Wanda Rogers,

Assistant Commissioner, Financial Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Financial Management Service; Application and Renewal Fees Imposed on Surety Companies and Reinsuring Companies; Increase in Fees Imposed

SUMMARY: Effective December 31, 2004, The Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, is increasing the fees it imposes on and collects from surety companies and reinsuring companies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874-6765.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The fees imposed and collected, as referred to in 31 CFR 223.22, cover the costs incurred by the Government for services performed relative to qualifying corporate sureties to write Federal business. These fees are determined in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-25, as amended. The change in fees is the result of a thorough analysis of costs associated with the Surety Bond Branch.