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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Innovative Technology Administration

#### Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Report of Financial and Operating Statistics for Small Aircraft Operators

**AGENCY:** Research and Innovative  
Technology Administration (RITA),  
Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
(BTS), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44  
U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice  
announces that the Information  
Collection Request (ICR) abstracted  
below has been forwarded to the Office  
of Management and Budget (OMB) for  
extension of currently approved  
collections. The ICR describes the  
nature of the information collection and  
its expected burden. The **Federal  
Register** Notice with a 30-day comment  
period soliciting comments on the  
following collection of information was  
published on December 17, 2004 (69 FR  
75601).

**DATES:** Written comments should be  
submitted by May 13, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Bernie Stankus, Office of Airline  
Information, RTS-42, Room 4125, RITA,  
BTS, 400 Seventh Street, SW.,  
Washington, DC 20590-0001,  
Telephone Number (202) 366-4387, Fax  
Number (202) 366-3383 or e-mail  
[bernard.stankus@dot.gov](mailto:bernard.stankus@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
(BTS)**

*Title:* Report of Financial and  
Operating Statistics for Small Aircraft  
Operators.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a  
currently approved collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2138-0009.

*Forms:* BTS Form 298-C.

*Affected Public:* U.S. commuter and  
small certificated air carriers.

*Abstract:* Part 298 requires small  
certificated and commuter air carriers to  
submit, quarterly financial and  
operational reports to DOT.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:*  
1,920 hours.

The Confidential Information  
Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act  
of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3501), requires a  
statistical agency to clearly identify  
information it collects for non-statistical  
purposes. BTS hereby notifies the  
respondents and the public that BTS  
uses the information it collects under  
this OMB approval for non-statistical  
purposes including, but not limited to,  
publication of both respondent's  
identity and its data, submission of the  
information to agencies outside BTS for  
review, analysis and possible use in  
regulatory and other administrative  
matters.

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

*Comments are invited on:* Whether  
the proposed collection of information  
is necessary for the proper performance  
of the functions of the Department  
concerning consumer protection.  
Comments should address whether the  
information will have practical utility;  
the accuracy of the Department'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.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 7,  
2005.

**Donald W. Bright,**

Assistant Director, Office of Airline  
Information.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34682]

#### Union Pacific Railroad Company— Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—BNSF Railway Company

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) has  
agreed to grant temporary overhead  
trackage rights to Union Pacific Railroad  
Company (UP) between BNSF milepost  
4.8 near Kansas City, KS, and BNSF  
milepost 213.2 near Wichita, KS, on the  
one hand, and BNSF milepost 345.6  
near Ft. Worth, TX, on the other,<sup>1</sup> a  
distance of approximately 595.8 miles.

<sup>1</sup> The trackage rights involve BNSF track  
segments with non-contiguous mileposts. As such,

The transaction was scheduled to be  
consummated on April 1, 2005, and the  
temporary trackage rights will expire on  
or about April 23, 2005. The purpose of  
the temporary trackage rights is to  
facilitate maintenance work on UP lines.

As a condition to this exemption, any  
employees affected by the acquisition of  
the temporary 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), and any employee affected by  
the discontinuance of those trackage  
rights will be protected by the  
conditions set out in *Oregon Short Line  
R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360  
I.C.C. 91 (1979).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR  
1180.2(d)(8). If it 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. 34682, 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 Robert T.  
Opal, 1400 Douglas Street, STOP 1580,  
Omaha, NE 68179.

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

Decided: April 6, 2005.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form SS-4 and SS-4PR

**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

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designation of the endpoints.

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 Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, and Form SS-4PR, Solicitud de Numero de Indentificadon Patronal (EIN).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before June 13, 2005, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland Internal Revenue Service, room 6512, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Larnice Mack at Internal Revenue Service, room 6512, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3179, or through the Internet at (*Larnice.Mack@irs.gov*).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, and Form SS-4PR, Solicitud de Numero de Indentificadon Patronal (EIN).

*OMB Number:* 1545-0003.

*Form Number:* Forms SS-4 and SS-4PR.

*Abstract:* Taxpayers who are required to have an identification number for use on any return, statement, or other document must prepare and file Form SS-4 or Form SS-4PR (Puerto Rico only) to obtain a number. The information is used by the Internal Revenue Service and the Social Security Administration in tax administration and by the Bureau of the Census for business statistics.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions, farms, Federal government and state, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,419,064.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 1 hr, 37 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,919,265.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information

displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB 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.

Approved: April 6, 2005.

**Glenn Kirkland,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[EE-45-93]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

**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 an existing final regulation, EE-45-93, Electronic Filing of Form W-4 (§ 31.3402(f)(5)-1).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before June 13, 2005, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to Allan Hopkins, at (202) 622-6665, or at Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet, at *Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Electronic Filing of Form W-4.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1435.

*Regulation Project Number:* EE-45-93.

*Abstract:* Information is required by the Internal Revenue Service to verify compliance with regulation section 31.3402(f)(2)-1(g)(1), which requires submission to the Service of certain withholding exemption certificates. The affected respondents are employers that choose to make electronic filing of Forms W-4 available to their employees.

*Current Actions:* There is no change to this existing regulation.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, not for-profit institutions, and Federal, state, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 20 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 40,000.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB 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