

they may wish to initiate and evaluate during the course of the pilots. OPS will review candidate submissions to determine which three best serve the objectives of the project. Operators wishing to participate in the pilot program must submit information outlining the systems and processes used in their controller qualification program by May 16, 2005. Details outlining the submittal process are further explained in this document and in the docket.

During the pilot program period, OPS will monitor and evaluate programs of the selected pilot operators to determine the value that specific practices would add to an adequate qualification program, and possibly a certification process. The pilot program will not include operator qualification inspections of the pilot operators. OPS will have an active dialog with the pilot operators on an ongoing basis, review preliminary pilot findings with each pilot operator, and seek their additional input before developing conclusions and recommendations for the final report to Congress. Estimates of maximum operator man-hour requirements for the pilots are included in the docket.

OPS will also be studying research findings and will review existing qualification and certification processes that are employed or have been considered for aircraft pilots, aviation flight controllers railroad engineers and train dispatchers. Other industries where requirements and operating practices have similarities to pipeline controllers may also be identified and reviewed.

In conjunction with the pilot program, the overall project team will review recent incident and accident data to assure that the activities of the pilot program and subsequent recommendations include recognition of lessons learned from those events that may have been attributed to, or aggravated by, controller involvement or lack of action. This review will encompass a review of OPS records and NTSB reports and recommendations. Control room personnel evaluation, administration, certification and performance monitoring practices employed for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Air Traffic Controllers and Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Rail System operations will also be studied.

As required by PSIA, the resulting recommendations and other criteria will be prepared as a final report and submitted to Congress in December 2006. The report will focus on pipeline operators' administrative and

procedural processes that are, or could be, employed to provide an elevated assurance that controllers possess adequate knowledge, skills and abilities. The report may conclude that existing or pending regulations and/or industry standards are adequate to ensure qualified controllers, or that current regulations and/or industry standards are not sufficient and additional measures are needed. The report may also conclude that further study should be applied in certain topical areas.

OPS will summarize the pilot results, merge other project findings into the project report, and submit the report to Congress by December 17, 2006, as required by the PSIA.

The docket provides additional information regarding the pilot program. Candidate pilot operators must be regulated under 49 CFR parts 192 and/or 195. A data form has been developed to assist candidate operators in providing sufficient information to OPS regarding pilot operator volunteers; this form is available in the docket.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 60102, 60109, 60117.

Issued in Washington, DC on April 11, 2005.

Theodore L. Willke,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-295 (Sub-No. 6X)]

The Indiana Rail Road Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Monroe County, IN

The Indiana Rail Road Company (INRD) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 2.44-mile portion of its Ellettsville Branch from milepost Q216.13 near Loesch Road to the end of the line at Ellettsville, milepost Q213.69, in Monroe County, IN. The line traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 47404 and 47429.

INRD 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 May 17, 2005, 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 use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by April 25, 2005. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by May 5, 2005, 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 INRD's representative: John Broadley, John H. Broadley & Associates, P.C., 1054 31st Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20007.

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

INRD has filed an environmental and historic report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by April 22, 2005. 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

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 Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,200. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

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), INRD 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 INRD's filing of a notice of consummation by April 15, 2006, 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: 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

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we invite comments on the proposed or continuing information collections listed below in this notice.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before June 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments to Mary A. Wood, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, at any of these addresses:

- P.O. Box 14412, Washington, DC 20044–4412;
- (202) 927–8525 (facsimile); or
- formcomments@ttb.gov (e-mail).

Please send separate comments for each specific information collection listed below. You must reference the information collection's title, and form and OMB numbers (if any) in your

comment. If you submit your comment via facsimile, send no more than five 8.5 x 11 inch pages in order to ensure electronic access to our equipment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain additional information, copies of the information collections and their instructions, or copies of any comments received, contact Mary A. Wood, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, P.O. Box 14412, Washington, DC 20044–4412; or telephone (202) 927–8210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Department of the Treasury and its Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, as part of their continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed or continuing information collections listed in this notice, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be included or summarized in our request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the relevant information collection. All comments are part of the public record and subject to disclosure. Please do not include any confidential or inappropriate material in your comments.

We invite comments on: (a) Whether the information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the information collection burden; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (d) ways to minimize the information collection's burden 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 the requested information.

Information Collections Open for Comment

Currently, we are seeking comments on the following forms:

Title: Claim—Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Taxes.

OMB Number: 1513–0030.

TTB Form Number: 5620.8.

Abstract: This form is used, along with other supporting documents, to obtain credit, remission, and allowance of tax on taxable articles (alcohol, beer, tobacco products, firearms, and

ammunition) that have been lost and to obtain refund of overpaid taxes and abatement of over assessed taxes.

Current Actions: There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10,000.

Title: Report of Wine Premises Operations.

OMB Number: 1513–0053.

TTB Form Number: 5120.17.

Abstract: TTB collects this information in order to monitor activities at bonded wine premises. Information on production, removals, and raw materials used is analyzed to ensure compliance with tax and consumer protection laws enforced by TTB. The record retention period for this information collection is 3 years.

Current Actions: There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,755.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10,642.

Title: Tobacco Bond—Surety (formerly Corporate Surety Bond—Tobacco Products and Cigarette Papers and Tubes), and Tobacco Bond—Collateral (formerly Collateral Bond—Tobacco Products and Cigarette Papers and Tubes).

OMB Number: 1513–0103.

TTB Form Numbers: 5200.24 (formerly 5220.5) and 5200.25 (formerly 5210.13), respectively.

Abstract: TTB requires a corporate surety bond or a collateral bond to ensure payment of the excise tax on tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes removed from the factory or warehouse. These TTB forms identify the agreement to pay and the persons from which TTB will attempt to collect any unpaid excise tax. Manufactures of tobacco products or cigarette papers and tubes and proprietors of export warehouses, along with corporate sureties if applicable, are the respondents for these TTB forms. These forms are filed with collateral sufficient to cover the excise tax on tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes.

Current Actions: There are changes to this information collection and it is