

Dated: May 5, 2005.

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*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5063]

### Overseas Buildings Operations; Industry Advisory Panel: Meeting Notice

The Industry Advisory Panel of the Overseas Buildings Operations will meet on Thursday, June 2, 2005 from 9:45 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. eastern standard time. The meeting will be held at the Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW. (entrance on 23rd Street), Room 1107, Washington, DC. The majority of the meeting is devoted to an exchange of ideas between the Department's Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations' senior management and the panel members, on design, operations and building maintenance. Members of the public are asked to kindly refrain from joining the discussion until Director Williams opens the discussion to the public.

Due to limited seating space for members of the public, we ask that you kindly e-mail your information. To participate in this meeting, simply register by e-mail at [IAPR@STATE.GOV](mailto:IAPR@STATE.GOV) before May 23rd, 2005. Your e-mail should include the following information; Date of birth, social security number, company name and title. This information is required to issue a temporary pass to enter the building.

For questions, please contact [PinzinoLE3@state.gov](mailto:PinzinoLE3@state.gov) or call tel: 703/875-6872 Ms. Gina Pinzino; or [SpragueMA@state.gov](mailto:SpragueMA@state.gov) tel: 703/875-7173 for Michael Sprague.

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**Jay A. Hicks,**

*Acting Director, Overseas Buildings Operations, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5077]

### Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Certifications Pursuant to Section 609 of Public Law 101-162

**SUMMARY:** On April 28, 2005, the Department of State certified, pursuant

to Section 609 of Public Law 101-162 ("Section 609"), that 13 nations have adopted programs to reduce the incidental capture of sea turtles in their shrimp fisheries comparable to the program in effect in the United States. The Department also certified that the fishing environments in 24 other countries and one economy, Hong Kong, do not pose a threat of the incidental taking of sea turtles protected under Section 609. Shrimp imports from any nation not certified were prohibited effective May 1, 2005 pursuant to Section 609.

**DATES: Effective Date:** On publication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Story, Office of Marine Conservation, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520-7818; telephone: (202) 647-2335.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 609 of Public Law 101-162 prohibits imports of certain categories of shrimp unless the President certifies to the Congress not later than May 1 of each year either: (1) That the harvesting nation has adopted a program governing the incidental capture of sea turtles in its commercial shrimp fishery comparable to the program in effect in the United States and has an incidental take rate comparable to that of the United States; or (2) that the fishing environment in the harvesting nation does not pose a threat of the incidental taking of sea turtles. The President has delegated the authority to make this certification to the Department of State. Revised State Department guidelines for making the required certifications were published in the **Federal Register** on July 2, 1999 (Vol. 64, No. 130, Public Notice 3086).

On April 28, 2005, the Department certified 13 nations on the basis that their sea turtle protection programs are comparable to that of the United States: Belize, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Suriname, and Venezuela.

The Department also certified 24 shrimp harvesting nations and one economy as having fishing environments that do not pose a danger to sea turtles. Sixteen nations have shrimping grounds only in cold waters where the risk of taking sea turtles is negligible. They are: Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and Uruguay. Eight nations and one economy only harvest shrimp using

small boats with crews of less than five that use manual rather than mechanical means to retrieve nets, or catch shrimp using other methods that do not threaten sea turtles. Use of such small-scale technology does not adversely affect sea turtles. The eight nations and one economy are: the Bahamas, China, the Dominican Republic, Fiji, Hong Kong, Jamaica, Oman, Peru and Sri Lanka.

The Department of State has communicated the certifications under Section 609 to the Office of Field Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

In addition, this **Federal Register** notice confirms that the requirement for all DS-2031 forms from uncertified nations must be originals and signed by the competent domestic fisheries authority. This policy change was first announced in a Department of State media note released on December 21, 2004.

Dated: May 4, 2005.

**Margaret F. Hayes,**

*Acting, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34693]

#### Kaw River Railroad, Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption—BNSF Railway Company

Kaw River Railroad, Inc. (KRR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease and operate approximately 15.69 miles of rail lines owned by BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) located: (1) Between milepost 215.55 near Birmingham, MO, and milepost 199.86 at Kearney, MO; and (2) in BNSF's Birmingham Yard, including Track Numbers 1501, 1502, 1503, 1504, 1547, 1555, 1550, 9956, 1560, and 9955 and the ladder track located between Track Numbers 1504 and 1599. In conjunction with the lease of these lines, KRR will acquire incidental overhead trackage rights: (1) Over the portion of Track Number 1599 in BNSF's Birmingham Yard located between milepost 216.76 and milepost 216.18 on BNSF's Kearney Subdivision; and (2) between milepost 216.18 and milepost 215.55 near Birmingham.

KRR certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class

II or Class I rail carrier, and that its annual revenues will not exceed \$5 million.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or shortly after April 21, 2005.

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. 34693, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Kark Morell, Suite 225, 1455 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

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

Decided: May 4, 2005.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Revision of an Information Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The OCC, 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, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OCC is soliciting comment concerning its information collection titled, "Fair Housing Home Loan Data System Regulation—12 CFR 27."

**DATES:** You should submit your comments by July 11, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** You should direct all written comments to: Communications

Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Public Information Room, Mailstop 1-5, Attention: 1557-0159, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (202) 874-4448, or by electronic mail to [regs.comments@occ.treas.gov](mailto:regs.comments@occ.treas.gov). You can inspect and photocopy the comments at the OCC's Public Information Room, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. You can make an appointment to inspect the comments by calling (202) 874-5043.

Additionally, you should send a copy of your comments to Mark Menchik, OMB Desk Officer, 1557-0159, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, DC 20503. Electronic mail address is [mmenchik@omb.eop.gov](mailto:mmenchik@omb.eop.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You can request additional information from Mary Gottlieb, OCC Clearance Officer, or Camille Dixon, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OCC is proposing to revise the following information collection:

*Title:* Fair Housing Home Loan Data System Regulation—12 CFR 27.

*OMB Number:* 1557-0159.

*Description:* This submission covers an existing regulation, which has not changed. The change in burden is due solely to the decrease in the number of national banks.

The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3605) prohibits discrimination in the financing of housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Equal Credit Opportunity Act (15 U.S.C. 1691 *et seq.*) prohibits discrimination in any aspect of a credit transaction on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age, receipt of income from public assistance, or exercise of any right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act. The information collection requirements ensure bank compliance with applicable Federal law, further bank safety and soundness, provide protections for banks and the public, and further public policy interests.

The information collection requirements in 12 CFR part 27 are as follows: Section 27.3 requires a national bank that is required to collect data on home loans under 12 CFR part 203 to present the data on Federal Reserve Form FR HMDA-LAR, or in automated format in accordance with the HMDA-LAR instructions, and to include one

additional item (the reason for denial) on the HMDA-LAR. Section 27.3 also lists exceptions to the HMDA-LAR recordkeeping requirements. Section 27.3 further lists the information banks should obtain from an applicant as part of a home loan application, and states information that a bank must disclose to an applicant.

Section 27.4 states that the OCC may require a national bank to maintain a Fair Housing Inquiry/Application Log if there is reason to believe that the bank is engaging in discriminatory practices or if analysis of the data compiled by the bank under the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (12 U.S.C. 2801 *et seq.*) and 12 CFR part 203 indicates a pattern of significant variation in the number of home loans between census tracts with similar incomes and home ownership levels differentiated only by race or national origin.

Section 27.5 requires a national bank to maintain the information for 25 months after the bank notifies the applicant of action taken on an application, or after withdrawal of an application.

Section 27.7 requires a national bank to submit the information to the OCC upon its request, prior to a scheduled examination.

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

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,908.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 1,908.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 3,476 hours.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and 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 has 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 on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance,