

review function with respect to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bolivia Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Archaeological Material from the Pre-Columbian Cultures and Certain Ethnological Material from the Colonial and Republican Periods of Bolivia. This meeting is for the Committee to satisfy its ongoing review responsibility of the effectiveness of agreements pursuant to the Act and will focus its attention on Article II of the MOU. This is not a meeting to consider extension of the MOU. Such a meeting will be scheduled at the appropriate time in 2006 at which time a public session will be held.

The Committee's responsibilities are carried out in accordance with provisions of the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*). The U.S.-Bolivia MOU, the designated list of restricted categories, the text of the Act, and related information may be found at <http://exchanges.state.gov/culprop>.

The meeting on December 15 will be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h).

Dated: November 21, 2005.

Dina Habib Powell,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket: PHMSA-98-4957]

Request for Public Comments and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Approval of an Existing Information Collection (2137-0589)

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

SUMMARY: This notice requests public participation in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval process regarding the renewal of an existing PHMSA collection of information for response plans for onshore oil pipelines. PHMSA is requesting OMB approval for renewal of this information collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. With this notice, PHMSA invites the public to submit comments over the next 60 days on ways to minimize the burden associated with collection of

information related to response plans for onshore oil pipelines.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 31, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments should reference Docket No. PHMSA-98-4957 and may be submitted in the following ways:

- DOT Web site: <http://dms.dot.gov>.

To submit comments on the DOT electronic docket site, click "Comment/Submissions," click "Continue," fill in the requested information, click "Continue," enter your comment, then click "Submit."

- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

- Mail: Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- Hand Delivery: DOT Docket Management System; Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- E-Gov Web site: <http://www.Regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.

Instructions: You should identify the docket number, PHMSA-98-4957, at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, you should submit two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation that PHMSA received your comments, you should include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and may access all comments received by DOT at <http://dms.dot.gov> by performing a simple search for the docket number. **Note:** All comments will be posted without changes or edits to <http://dms.dot.gov> including any personal information provided.

Privacy Act Statement: Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received for any of our dockets. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William Fuentesvilla at (202) 366-6199, or by e-mail at William.Fuentesvilla@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including

whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; 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.

This information collection request pertains to 49 CFR part 194, Response Plans for Onshore Oil Pipelines. This rule requires an operator of an onshore oil pipeline facility to prepare and submit an oil spill response plan to PHMSA for review and approval when, because of its location, the facility could reasonably be expected to cause substantial harm to the environment if it were to discharge oil into navigable waters or adjoining shorelines. The rule established the planning requirements for oil spill response plans to reduce the environmental impact of oil discharged from onshore oil pipelines, as mandated by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90). The rule provides greater specificity and guidance to facilities than is provided in OPA 90's statutory language in order to enhance private sector planning capabilities to minimize the impacts of oil spills from pipelines.

The information collection required by the rule is the submission of response plans to PHMSA by affected pipeline operators. Additionally, operators must review and resubmit their response plans at least every 5 years, or in response to new or different operating conditions. Operators must submit any change or update to response plans within 30 days of making such a change. This information collection supports the DOT strategic goal of environmental stewardship by reducing pollution and other adverse environmental effects of transportation and transportation facilities.

As used in this notice, "information collection" includes all work related to preparing and disseminating information related to this recordkeeping requirement including completing paperwork, gathering information and conducting telephone calls.

Type of Information Collection Request: Renewal of Existing Collection.

Title of Information Collection: Response Plans for Onshore Oil Pipelines.

Respondents: 367 hazardous liquid pipeline facilities.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 50,186 hours.

Issued in Washington DC on November 28, 2005.

Florence L. Hamn,

Director of Regulations, Office of Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34754]

Alabama Southern Railroad, Inc.— Lease and Operation Exemption—The Kansas City Southern Railway Company

Alabama Southern Railroad, Inc. (ABS), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease from The Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCS) and operate approximately 85.6 miles of rail line consisting of lines on the (1) Tuscaloosa Subdivision between milepost 17.0 near Columbus, MS, and milepost 78.9 near Tuscaloosa, AL; (2) Warrior Branch between milepost 0.0 at Tuscaloosa, AL, and milepost 9.3 near Fox, AL; and (3) Brookwood Branch between milepost 443.5 at Brookwood Jct., AL, and milepost 429.1 at Brookwood, AL. ABS is also being assigned KSC's overhead trackage rights over a 44.4-mile line of railroad owned by CSX Transportation, Inc., extending between milepost 429.2 at Brookwood, AL, and milepost 384.8 at Birmingham, AL.

ABS certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in it becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier. Because ABS's projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million, ABS has certified to the Board on September 7, 2005, that it sent the required notice of the transaction on September 2, 2005, to the national offices of all labor unions representing employees on the line and that it posted a copy of the notice at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines on September 6, 2005. *See* 49 CFR 1150.32(e).

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or shortly after November 20, 2005.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 34755, *Watco Companies, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Alabama Southern Railroad, Inc.*, wherein Watco Companies, Inc. has concurrently filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of ABS upon its becoming a rail carrier.

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. 34754, 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 Karl Morell, Of Counsel, BALL JANIK LLP, Suite 225, 1455 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

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Decided: November 23, 2005.

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. 34755]

Watco Companies, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Alabama Southern Railroad, Inc.

Watco Companies, Inc. (Watco) has filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of Alabama Southern Railroad, Inc. (ABS), upon ABS's becoming a Class III rail carrier.¹

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after November 20, 2005.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 34754, *Alabama Southern Railroad, Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption—The Kansas City Southern Railway Company*, wherein ABS seeks to acquire by lease from The Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KSC) and operate approximately 85.6 miles of rail line in Mississippi and Alabama. As part of that transaction, ABS is also being assigned KSC's overhead trackage rights over a 44.4-mile line of railroad owned by CSX Transportation, Inc., extending between milepost 429.2 at Brookwood, AL, and milepost 384.8 at Birmingham, AL.

Watco, a noncarrier, is a Kansas corporation that currently controls,

¹ Watco owns 100% of the issued and outstanding stock of ABS.

through stock ownership and management, 15 Class III rail carriers operating in 14 States.

Applicant states that: (1) The lines being leased and operated by ABS do not connect with the rail lines in its corporate family; (2) the continuance in control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the leased lines with any other rail lines in Watco's corporate family; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. *See* 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

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.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 25, 2005.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,