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Issued on: August 1, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34879]

#### **Wallowa Union Railroad Authority— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company**

Wallowa Union Railroad Authority (WURA), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) approximately one half-mile of rail line between milepost 21.0 at Elgin, OR, and milepost 20.50 at the North line of Baltimore Street in Elgin, OR.<sup>1</sup>

WURA certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of the transaction will not result in WURA becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million.

The transaction was expected to be consummated shortly after July 20, 2006, the effective date of this exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

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. 34879, must be filed with

<sup>1</sup> WURA owns and operates the adjacent rail line between milepost 21.0 at Elgin and milepost 83.58 at Joseph, OR. See *Wallowa Union Railroad Authority—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Wallowa County, OR, and Idaho Northern & Pacific Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 34349 (STB served Nov. 26, 2003).

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, Suite 225, 1455 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

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Decided: July 28, 2006.

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 Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 431X)]

#### **BNSF Railway Company— Abandonment and Discontinuance Exemption—in Knox and Fulton Counties, IL**

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Services* to: (1) Abandon a 1-mile line of railroad between milepost 51.58 and milepost 52.58 near Farmington, in Fulton County, IL; and (2) discontinue service over a 4.69-mile line of railroad between milepost 46.89 near Yates City, and milepost 51.58 near Farmington, in Knox County, IL, a total distance of 5.69 miles. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 61531 and 61572.

BNSF has certified that: (1) No traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line to be rerouted; (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 of 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 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 September 5, 2006, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by August 14, 2006. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by August 24, 2006, 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 BNSF's representative: Sidney L. Strickland, Jr., Sidney Strickland and Associates, PLLC, 3050 K Street, NW., Suite 101, Washington, DC 20007.

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

BNSF has filed environmental and historic reports which address the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by August 11, 2006. 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 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which was increased to \$1,300 effective on April 19, 2006. See *Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection with Licensing and Related Services—2006 Update*, STB Ex Parte No. 542 (Sub-No. 13) (STB served Mar. 20, 2006).

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), BNSF 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 BNSF's filing of a notice of consummation by August 4, 2007, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: August 1, 2006.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Currency Transaction Report by Casinos—Nevada

**AGENCY:** Department of the Treasury, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

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

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network invites comment on a proposed extension, without change, of an existing information collection requirement contained in the form "Currency Transaction Report by Casinos—Nevada, FinCEN Form 103-N." This request for comments is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

**DATES:** Written comments are welcome and must be received on or before October 3, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to: Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, P.O. Box 39, Vienna, VA 22183, Attention: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments—Currency Transaction Report by Casinos—Nevada Form. Comments also may be submitted by electronic mail to the following Internet address: [regcomments@fincen.gov](mailto:regcomments@fincen.gov), again with a caption, in the body of the text, "Attention: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments—Currency Transaction Report by Casinos—Nevada Form."

*Inspection of comments.* Comments may be inspected, between 10 a.m. and

4 p.m., in the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network reading room in Washington, DC. Persons wishing to inspect the comments submitted must request an appointment by telephoning (202) 354-6400 (not a toll free number).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Regulatory Policy and Programs Division at (800) 949-2732.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Currency Transaction Report by Casinos—Nevada.

*OMB Number:* 1506-0003.

*Form Number:* FinCEN Form 103-N.

*Abstract:* The statute generally referred to as the "Bank Secrecy Act," Titles I and II of Public Law 91-508, as amended, codified at 12 U.S.C. 1829b, 12 U.S.C. 1951-1959, and 31 U.S.C. 5311-5332, authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, *inter alia*, to require financial institutions to keep records and file reports that are determined to have a high degree of usefulness in criminal, tax, and regulatory matters, or in the conduct of intelligence or counter-intelligence activities, to protect against international terrorism, and to implement counter-money laundering programs and compliance procedures.<sup>1</sup> Regulations implementing Title II of the Bank Secrecy Act appear at 31 CFR part 103. The authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to administer the Bank Secrecy Act has been delegated to the Director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

Section 5313(a) of the Bank Secrecy Act authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to issue regulations that require a report when "a domestic financial institution is involved in a transaction for the payment, receipt, or transfer of United States coins or currency (or other monetary instruments the Secretary of the Treasury prescribes), in an amount, denomination, or amount and denomination, or under circumstances the Secretary prescribes by regulation \* \* \* Regulations implementing section 5313(a) are found at 31 CFR 103.22. In general, the regulations require the reporting of transactions in currency in excess of \$10,000 a day. Casinos, as defined in 31 U.S.C. 5312(a)(2)(X) and 31 CFR 103.11(n)(5)(i), are financial institutions subject to the currency transaction reporting requirement. (See 63 FR 1919, January 13, 1998.) The Currency

<sup>1</sup> Language expanding the scope of the Bank Secrecy Act to intelligence or counter-intelligence activities to protect against international terrorism was added by section 358 of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT) Act of 2001, Public Law 107-56.

Transaction Report by Casinos—Nevada, FinCEN Form 103-N, is the form that casinos in Nevada use to comply with the currency transaction reporting requirements. All Nevada casinos having gross annual gaming revenues in excess of \$10 million and having annual table games statistical win in excess of \$2 million, or having actual or projected annual gross gaming revenue in excess of \$1 million that the Chairman of the Nevada Gaming Control Commission directs to do so, are required to file Currency Transaction Report by Casinos—Nevada, FinCEN Form 103-N, pursuant to Nevada Gaming Commission Regulation 6A ("Regulation 6A"), entitled "Cash Transactions Prohibitions, Reporting, and Recordkeeping." Nevada casinos comply with Regulation 6A in lieu of 31 U.S.C. 5313(a) and 31 CFR 103.22 based upon an exemption granted to the state of Nevada by the Department of the Treasury.

The Currency Transaction Report by Casinos—Nevada is available for review on the Financial Crimes Enforcement Web site at [http://www.fincen.gov/forms/fin103n\\_ctrc-n.pdf](http://www.fincen.gov/forms/fin103n_ctrc-n.pdf).

*Type of Review:* Extension, without change, of an approved information collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* As required.

*Estimated Burden:* Reporting average of 19 minutes per response. Form recordkeeping average of 5 minutes per response, for a total of 24 minutes.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 115.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 137,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 54,800.

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 Office of Management and Budget control number. Records required to be retained under the Bank Secrecy Act must be retained for five years.

#### *Request for 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