

main track #2 between milepost 0.91 and milepost 4.25 (including use of the crossover). In STB Finance Docket No. 34945, UP has agreed to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to PNWR over a 50-mile line of railroad extending between UP milepost 0.0 on the Portland Subdivision at Portland, OR, and milepost 720.9 on UP's Brooklyn Subdivision at Labish, OR. The trackage rights in these proceedings will connect to make a continuous detour route between Willbridge and Labish, OR, that will allow PNWR to continue to handle traffic while its line is undergoing rehabilitation and reconstruction.

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 employees 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. 34946, 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 Eric M. Hocky, Gollatz, Griffin & Ewing, P.C., Four Penn Center Plaza, Suite 200, 1600 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19103-2808.

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Decided: November 1, 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 Finance Docket No. 34945]

Portland & Western Railroad, Inc.— Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has agreed to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to Portland & Western Railroad, Inc. (PNWR), extending between UP milepost 0.0 on the Portland Subdivision at Portland, OR, and UP milepost 720.9 on the Brooklyn Subdivision at Labish, OR, a distance of approximately 50 miles.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after October 30, 2006, and the temporary trackage rights are scheduled to expire on December 30, 2006.

This transaction is related to two concurrently filed notices of exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 34944, *Portland & Western Railroad, Inc.—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—BNSF Railway Company*, and STB Finance Docket No. 34946, *Portland & Western Railroad, Inc.—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—Portland Terminal Railroad Company*. In STB Finance Docket No. 34944, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) has agreed to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to PNWR over a 3.6-mile line of railroad extending from the facilities of the Portland Terminal Railroad Company at Portland, OR, to Willbridge, OR, on (a) BNSF main track #1 between milepost 0.69 and milepost 4.32 and (b) BNSF main track #2 between milepost 0.91 and milepost 4.25 (including use of the crossover). In STB Finance Docket No. 34946, Portland Terminal Railroad Company has agreed to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to PNWR over a 1.5-mile line of railroad extending between milepost 0.91 on BNSF's Fallbridge Subdivision and milepost 0.0 on UP's Portland Subdivision, all located near Union Station in Portland, OR. The trackage rights in these proceedings will connect to make a continuous detour route between Willbridge and Labish, OR, that will allow PNWR to continue to handle traffic while its line is undergoing rehabilitation and reconstruction.

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 employees 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. 34945, 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 Eric M. Hocky, Gollatz, Griffin & Ewing, P.C., Four Penn Center Plaza, Suite 200, 1600 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19103-2808.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 284X)]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Abandonment Exemption-in Kalamazoo County, MI

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 1.4-mile line of railroad between milepost CQ 41.3, and milepost CQ 42.7, located in Parchment, Kalamazoo County, MI. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 49004 and includes the former station of Parchment.

NSR 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 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 December 12, 2006, 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 November 20, 2006. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by November 29, 2006, with: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to NSR's representative: James R. Paschall, Senior General Attorney, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510.

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

NSR 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 November 17, 2006. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500,

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 appropriate 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).

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.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), NSR 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 NSR's filing of a notice of consummation by November 9, 2007, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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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 3, 2006.

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, Public Law 104–13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Dates: Written comments should be received on or before December 11, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545–1696.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Political Organization Report on Contributions and Expenditures.

Form: 8872.

Description: Internal Revenue Code section 527(j) requires certain political organizations to report certain contributions received and expenditures made after July 1, 2000. Every section 527 political organization that accepts a contribution or makes an expenditure for an exempt function during the calendar year must file Form 8872, except for: A political organization that is not required to file Form 8871, or a state or local committee of a political party or political committee of a state or local candidate.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 431,200 hours.

OMB Number: 1545–2025.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Clean Renewable Energy Bond Credit and Gulf Bond Credit.

Form: 8912.

Description: Form 8912, Clean Renewable Energy Bond Credit and Gulf Bond Credit, was developed to carry out the provisions of new Internal Revenue Code sections 54 and 1400N(l). The form provides a means for the taxpayer to compute the clean renewable energy bond credit and the Gulf bond credit.

Respondents: Businesses and other for-profit institutions.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 5,955 hours.

OMB Number: 1545–1440.

Title: Conduit Arrangements

Regulations.

Type of Review: Extension.

Description: This document contains regulations relating to when the area director may re-characterize a financing arrangement as a conduit arrangement. Such re-characterization will affect the amount of withholding tax due on financing transactions that are part of the financing arrangement. These regulations will affect withholding agents and foreign investors.

Respondents: Businesses and other for-profit institutions.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 10,000 hours.

Clearance Officer: Glenn P. Kirkland, (202) 622–3428, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395–7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Robert Dahl,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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