

implement a written continuing public education program that follows the guidance provided in the American Petroleum Institute's (API) Recommended Practice (RP) 1162. Upon request, operators must submit their completed programs to PHMSA or, in the case of an intrastate pipeline facility operator, the appropriate State agency. The operator's program documentation and evaluation results must also be available for periodic review by appropriate regulatory agencies. (49 CFR 192.616 and 195.440).

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, PHMSA invites comments on whether the renewal of this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department. These include (1) whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. As used in this notice, the term "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:
Pipeline Safety: Public Awareness Program.

Respondents: 22,500 (Old).

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 517,480 hours. (Old).

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 24, 2008.

Barbara Betsock,

Acting Director, Office of Regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 461X)]

BNSF Railway Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Marion County, MO

On January 11, 2008, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed with the Surface Transportation Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the

provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a 0.56-mile line of railroad extending between milepost 13.86 and milepost 14.42, near Palmyra, in Marion County, MO. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 63461, and it includes no stations.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in BNSF's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by April 30, 2008.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each offer must be accompanied by a \$1,300 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than February 20, 2008. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$200 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 461X), and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001, and (2) Sidney L. Strickland, Jr., Sidney Strickland and Associates, PLLC, 3050 K Street, NW., Suite 101, Washington, DC 20007. Replies to BNSF's petition are due on or before February 20, 2008.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 245-0230 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 245-0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and

upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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

Decided: January 23, 2008.

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

Anne K. Quinlan,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35087]

Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation— Control—EJ&E West Company; Notice Extending the Public Scoping Period

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice extending the public scoping period.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) announces the extension of the scoping period for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that is being prepared in connection with an application filed by Canadian National Railway Company (CN) to acquire certain rail lines of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad (EJ&E). SEA is preparing an EIS because the Surface Transportation Board has determined that the proposed acquisition has the potential to result in significant effects upon the environment within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

DATES: The scoping period on the EIS is extended through February 15, 2008.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to submit written comments regarding the attached proposed draft scope, please send your comments to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423. Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball, Environmental Filing, STB Finance Docket No. 35087.

Environmental comments may also be filed electronically on the Board's Web site, <http://www.stb.dot.gov>, by clicking on the "E_FILING" link. You do not