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PHMSA requests comments on the following information collections:

Abstract: To ensure adequate public protection from exposure to potential natural gas and hazardous liquid pipeline failures, PHMSA collects information on reportable natural gas pipeline incidents and hazardous liquid pipeline accidents. Additional information is also obtained concerning the characteristics of an operator's pipeline system. This information is needed for normalizing the incident information in order to provide for adequate safety trending. The requirements for reporting natural gas incidents are found in 49 CFR Part 191 and for reporting hazardous liquid pipeline accidents are found in 49 CFR Part 195. The regulations require submission of these reports within 30 days of the incident or accident occurrence. The information is used to assist Federal and state pipeline safety programs for accident trending and by industry, trade associations and other interested stakeholders, and to provide a background for accident investigations.

Title: Transportation of Hazardous Liquids by Pipeline: Recordkeeping and Accident Reporting.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0047.

Form: Accident Report—Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Systems (Form No. PHMSA-7000-1).

Affected Public: Hazardous liquid pipeline operators.

Recordkeeping:

Number of Respondents: 200.

Total Annual Responses: 130 long form, 200 short form.

Long form is for spills of five or more barrels; short form is for spills of 5 gallons to less than 5 barrels.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 1332.

Frequency of collection:

Short form: 200 reports/200 operators per year = 1 short form per operator annually;

130 reports/200 operators per year = .65 long forms per operator annually.

Title: Incident and Annual Reports for Gas Pipeline Operators.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0522.

Form: Incident Report—Gas Distribution System (Form PHMSA F 7100.1).

Affected Public: Natural gas distribution pipeline operators.

Recordkeeping:

Number of Respondents: 1200.

Total Annual Responses: 155.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 1210.

Frequency of collection: 155 incidents per year /1200 operators = 0.14.

Title: Incident and Annual Reports for Gas Pipeline Operators.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0522.

Form: Incident Report—Gas Transmission and Gathering Systems (Form PHMSA F 7100.2).

Affected Public: Natural gas transmission pipeline operators.

Recordkeeping:

Number of Respondents: 900.

Total Annual Responses: 153.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,102.

Frequency of collection: 153 incidents per year/900 operators = 0.17.

Comments are invited on: (a) The need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 28, 2008.

Joy O. Kadnar,

Acting Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-497 (Sub-No. 4X)]

Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Norman County, MN

On August 15, 2008, Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc. (MNN) filed with the Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a 19.2-mile portion of its "P Line" subdivision between milepost 21.0, at or near Perley, and milepost 40.2, at the north end of the Marsh River Bridge south of Shelly, in Norman County, MN. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 56548, 56550, 56574, and 56581, and includes the stations of Perley (milepost 21.0), Hendrum (milepost 27.4), and Halstad (milepost 33.5).

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in MNN'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 issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by December 3, 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 OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,500 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).¹

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 September 24, 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-497 (Sub-No. 4X), and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Thomas F. McFarland, 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604-1112. Replies to the petition are due on or before September 24, 2008.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238 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

¹ Effective July 18, 2008, the filing fee for an OFA increased to \$1,500. See *Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection with Licensing and Related Services—2008 Update*, STB Ex Parte No. 542 (Sub-No. 15) (STB served June 18, 2008).

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 www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: August 27, 2008.

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

Anne K. Quinlan,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

Proposed Information Collections; Comment Request

AGENCY: Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we invite comments on the proposed or continuing information collections listed below in this notice.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before November 3, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments to Mary A. Wood, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, at any of these addresses:

- P.O. Box 14412, Washington, DC 20044-4412;
- 202-927-8525 (facsimile); or
- formcomments@ttb.gov (e-mail).

Please send separate comments for each specific information collection listed below. You must reference the information collection's title, form or recordkeeping requirement number, and OMB number (if any) in your comment. If you submit your comment via facsimile, send no more than five 8.5 x 11 inch pages in order to ensure electronic access to our equipment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain additional information, copies of the information collection and its instructions, or copies of any comments received, contact Mary A. Wood, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, P.O. Box 14412, Washington, DC 20044-4412; or telephone 202-927-8210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Department of the Treasury and its Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, as part of their continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed or continuing information collections listed below in this notice, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be included or summarized in our request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the relevant information collection. All comments are part of the public record and subject to disclosure. Please not do include any confidential or inappropriate material in your comments.

We invite comments on: (a) Whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the information collection's burden; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (d) ways to minimize the information collection's burden on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide the requested information.

Information Collections Open for Comment

Currently, we are seeking comments on the following records and forms:

Title: Personnel Questionnaire—Alcohol and Tobacco Products.

OMB Number: 1513-0002.

TTB Form Number: 5000.9.

Abstract: The information listed on TTB F 5000.9, Personnel Questionnaire—Alcohol and Tobacco Products, enables TTB to determine whether or not an applicant for an alcohol or tobacco permit meets the minimum qualifications. The form identifies the individual, residence, business background, financial sources for the business, and criminal record. If the applicant is found not to be qualified, the permit may be denied.

Current Actions: We are making minor corrections to this information collection and are submitting it as a revision.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10,000.

Title: Application and Permit to Ship Liquors and Articles of Puerto Rican Manufacture Taxpaid to the United States.

OMB Number: 1513-0008.

TTB Form Number: 5170.7.

Abstract: TTB F 5170.7 is used to document the shipment of taxpaid Puerto Rican articles into the U.S. The form is verified by Puerto Rican and U.S. Treasury officials to certify that products are either taxpaid or deferred under appropriate bond. This serves as a method of protection of the revenue.

Current Actions: We are making minor corrections to this information collection and are submitting it as a revision.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100.

Title: Application for Certification/Exemption of Label/Bottle Approval.

OMB Number: 1513-0020.

TTB Form Number: 5100.31.

Abstract: The Federal Alcohol Administration Act (the FAA Act, 27 U.S.C. 201 *et seq.*) requires the alcoholic beverage labels to provide the consumer with adequate information regarding a product's identity and prohibits the use of misleading information on such labels. The FAA Act also authorized the Secretary of the Treasury Department to issue regulations to carry out its provisions. To ensure compliance with the FAA Act and the related regulations, industry members complete TTB F 5100.31 as an application to label their products.

Current Actions: We are making minor corrections to this information collection and are submitting it as a revision.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,982.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 41,238.

Title: Report—Proprietor of Export Warehouse.

OMB Number: 1513-0024.

TTB Form Number: 5220.4.

Abstract: Proprietors who are qualified to operate export warehouses that handle untaxpaid tobacco products