DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35183]

Genesee & Wyoming Inc.—Control Exemption—Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of Exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board grants an exemption, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323–25 for Genesee & Wyoming Inc. (GWI), a noncarrier, to acquire indirect control of Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc. (GSWR), subject to labor protective conditions. Pursuant to the Stock Purchase Agreement entered into by and among GSW Acquisition Sub Inc. (GSW Sub), GWI, Terry R. Small, and David L. Smoot, GSW Sub will acquire direct control of GSWR, and because GSW Sub is a wholly owned direct subsidiary of GWI, GWI will acquire indirect control of GSWR. GWI is a holding company that directly or indirectly controls one Class II rail carrier, 28 Class III railroads,[1] two limited liability companies, and additional railroads with two wholly owned subsidiaries that are noncarrier holding companies.

DATES: This exemption will be effective on January 14, 2009. Petitions to stay must be filed by December 26, 2008. Petitions to reopen must be filed by January 5, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35183, to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, send one copy of pleadings to Kevin M. Sheys, K&L Gates LLP, 1601 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Ziembicki, (202) 245–0386 [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339].

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at *"http://www.stb.dot.gov."*

Decided: December 9, 2008.

By the Board, Chairman Nottingham, Vice Chairman Mulvey, and Commissioner Buttrey.

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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[1] On October 1, 2008, GWI filed a petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323–25, in STB Finance Docket No. 35177, *Genesee & Wyoming Inc.—Control Exemption—Aliquippa & Ohio River Railroad Co., et al.*, to acquire control of Summit View, Inc. (Summit View), a noncarrier, and thereby acquire control of 10 additional Class III railroads that are controlled by Summit View.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from the Association of American Railroads (WB463–11–10/17/08) for permission to use certain data from the Board's Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of this request may be obtained from the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

Contact: Scott Decker, (202) 245–0330.

Kulunie L. Cannon,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 9, 2008.

The Department of Treasury will submit the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 after the date of publication of this notice. 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 11020, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 14, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

Office of Financial Education

OMB Number: 1505–XXXX.

Type of Review: New Collection.

Title: Community Financial Access Pilot Quarterly Report.

Description: Information will be collected on a voluntary basis from financial institutions and financial education providers working with the Department of the Treasury on the Community Financial Access Pilot (Pilot). This information is necessary to assess the effectiveness of the Pilot strategies to expand access to financial services and financial education for low- and moderate-income individuals. The information will allow Treasury to assess the effectiveness of each Pilot site strategy and the Pilot as a whole in expanding financial access and financial education.

Respondents: Businesses and other for-profit institutions, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 2,000 hours.

Clearance Officer: Louisa Quittman, Treasury Office of Financial Education, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20220, (202) 622–8103.

OMB Reviewer: Nick Fraser (202) 395–5887, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Robert Dahl,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Additional Designation of Individuals Pursuant to Executive Order 13224

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is publishing the names of three newly designated individuals whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, or Support Terrorism."

DATES: The designation by the Director of OFAC of the three individuals identified in this notice, pursuant to Executive Order 13224, is effective on December 4, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Assistant Director, Compliance

Outreach & Implementation, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220, tel.: 202/622–2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC's Web site (*http://www.treas.gov/ofac*) or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service, tel.: 202/622–0077.

Background

On September 23, 2001, the President issued Executive Order 13224 (the ''Order'') pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1701–1706, and the United Nations Participation Act of 1945, 22 U.S.C. 287c. In the Order, the President declared a national emergency to address grave acts of terrorism and threats of terrorism committed by foreign terrorists, including the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon. The Order imposes economic sanctions on persons who have committed, pose a significant risk of committing, or support acts of terrorism. The President identified in the Annex to the Order, as amended by Executive Order 13268 of July 2, 2002, 13 individuals and 16 entities as subject to the economic sanctions. The Order was further amended by Executive Order 13284 of January 23, 2003, to reflect the creation of the Department of Homeland Security.

Section 1 of the Order blocks, with certain exceptions, all property and interests in property that are in or hereafter come within the United States or the possession or control of United States persons, of: (1) Foreign persons listed in the Annex to the Order; (2) foreign persons determined by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Attorney General, to have committed, or to pose a significant risk of committing, acts of terrorism that threaten the security of U.S. nationals or the national security, foreign policy, or economy of the United States; (3) persons determined by the Director of OFAC, in consultation with the Departments of State, Homeland Security and Justice, to be owned or controlled by, or to act for or on behalf of those persons listed in the Annex to the Order or those persons determined to be subject to subsection 1(b), 1(c), or 1(d)(i) of the Order; and (4) except as provided in section 5 of the Order and after such consultation, if any, with foreign authorities as the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Attorney General, deems appropriate in the exercise of his discretion, persons determined by the Director of OFAC, in consultation with the Departments of State, Homeland Security and Justice, to assist in, sponsor, or provide financial, material, or technological support for, or financial or other services to or in support of, such acts of terrorism or those persons listed in the Annex to the Order or determined to be subject to the Order or to be otherwise associated with those persons listed in the Annex to the Order or those persons determined to be subject to subsection 1(b), 1(c), or 1(d)(i) of the Order.

On December 4, 2008, the Director of OFAC, in consultation with the Departments of State, Homeland Security, Justice and other relevant agencies, designated, pursuant to one or more of the criteria set forth in subsections 1(b), 1(c) or 1(d) of the Order, three individuals whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13224.

The list of designees is as follows:

1. GELOWICZ, Fritz Martin (a.k.a. GEBERT, Markus; a.k.a. GELOWICZ, Abdullah; a.k.a. GELOWICZ, Fritz Martin Abdullah; a.k.a. GELOWITZ, Fritz Martin Abdullah; a.k.a. KONARS, Robert; a.k.a. ''BENZL''), Boefinger Weg 20, Ulm 89075, Germany; Eberhardstrasse 70, Ulm 89073, Germany; DOB 1 Sep 1979; alt. DOB 10 Apr 1979; POB Munich, Germany; alt. POB Liege, Belgium; citizen Germany; Passport 7020069907 (Germany); Personal ID Card 7020783883; currently incarcerated at Stuttgart-Stammheim, Germany (individual) [SDGT].

2. SCHNEIDER, Daniel Martin (a.k.a. SCHNEIDER, Martin Daniel), Petrusstrasse 32, Herrensohr Dudweiler, Saarbruecken 66125, Germany; zum Gruehlingsstollen 1A, Friedrichstahl 66299, Germany; Rosenstrasse 2, Friedrichstahl 66299, Germany; DOB 9 Sep 1985; POB Neunkirchen, Germany; citizen Germany; Federal ID Card 2318229333; Passport 2318047793 (Germany); currently incarcerated at Schwalmstadt, Germany (individual) [SDGT].

3. YILMAZ, Adem, Sudliche Ringstrasse 133, Langen 63225, Germany; DOB 4 Nov 1978; alt. DOB 11 Apr 1978; POB Bayburt, Turkey; citizen Turkey; Passport TR-P 614166 (Turkey); alt. Passport 0018850 (Turkey); currently incarcerated at Weiterstadt, Germany (individual) [SDGT].

Dated: December 4, 2008.

Adam J. Szubin,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0386]

Proposed Information Collection (Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan Worksheet) Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine whether lenders computed the loan amount on interest rate reduction refinancing loans properly.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before February 13, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through *http://www.Regulations.gov* or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail to *nancy.kessinger@va.gov.* Please refer to ''OMB Control No. 2900–0386'' in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at *http://www.Regulations.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 461–9769 or FAX (202) 275–5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–21), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor.