

parent must have received at least one-half support from the deceased worker. The one-half support requirement also applies to a spouse applicant in determining whether Title II benefits are subject to Government Pension Offset (GPO). SSA uses the information from Form SSA-760-F4 to determine whether the parent of a deceased worker or a spouse applicant meets the one-half support requirement. Respondents are parents of deceased workers or spouses who may be exempt from GPO.

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Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 18,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,500 hours.

2. *Reporting Changes that Affect Your Social Security Payment—20 CFR 404.301–305, 404.310–311, 404.330–.333, 404.335–.341, 404.350–.352, 404.468—0960–0073.* SSA collects the information on the SSA-1425 to determine continuing entitlement to Title II Social Security benefits and to determine the proper benefit amount. The respondents are Social Security beneficiaries receiving SSA retirement, disability, or survivor's auxiliary benefits who need to report an event that could affect payments.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 70,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 5,833 hours.

3. *Child Relationship Statement—20 CFR 404.355 & 404.731—0960–0116.* SSA collects information on the SSA-2519 to help determine a child's entitlement to Social Security benefits under section 216(h)(3) (deemed child provision) of the Social Security Act. An insured individual's child may be deemed his or her child if: (1) The insured individual is shown by evidence satisfactory to SSA to be the child's parent and was living with or contributing to the child's support at certain specified times; or (2) the insured individual acknowledged the child in writing or the court decreed the individual to be the child's parent or ordered the individual to support the child. Respondents are persons with

knowledge of the relationship between an individual and his/her alleged biological child who is filing for benefits.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 12,500 hours.

4. *Pre-1957 Military Service—Federal Benefit Questionnaire—20 CFR 404.1301–404.1371—0960–0120.* Sections 217(a) through (e) of the Social Security Act provide for crediting military service before 1957 to the wage earner's record. Form SSA-2512 collects specific information about other Federal, military, or civilian benefits the wage earner may receive when the applicant indicates both pre-1957 military service and the receipt of a Federal benefit. SSA uses the data in the claims adjudication process to grant gratuitous military wage credits when applicable, and to solicit sufficient information to determine eligibility. Respondents are applicants for Social Security benefits on a record where the wage earner has pre-1957 military service.

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Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 833 hours.

5. *Application of Circuit Court Law—20 CFR 404.985 & 416.1458—0960–0581.* SSA collects certain information provided in readjudication requests it receives from persons claiming the application of an acquiescence ruling (AR) would change a prior determination or decision. SSA uses this information to determine whether persons are entitled to readjudication of their claims in accordance with Social Security regulations. SSA reviews the information in the requests to determine whether the issue(s) stated in the AR pertains to the claimant's case. If readjudication is appropriate, SSA considers only those issue(s) the AR covers. Any new determination or decision is subject to administrative or judicial review as specified in the regulations. Respondents are claimants for Social Security benefits and SSI payments who request readjudication.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 17 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,833 hours.

Dated: December 21, 2009.

Elizabeth A. Davidson,

Director, Center for Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB–1050X, STB Docket No. AB–585 (Sub-No. 4X), STB Docket No. AB–33 (Sub-No. 288X)]

Regional Rail Right of Way Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Collin and Dallas Counties, TX; Dallas, Garland and Northeastern Railroad, Inc.—Discontinuance Exemption—in Collin and Dallas Counties, TX; Union Pacific Railroad Company—Discontinuance Exemption—in Collin and Dallas Counties, TX

Regional Rail Right of Way Company (RRROW), Dallas, Garland and Northeastern Railroad, Inc. (DGNO), and Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) (collectively, applicants) have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights* for RRROW to abandon, and for DGNO and UP to discontinue trackage rights over, a 5.34-mile line of railroad known as the Cotton Belt, extending between milepost 592.43 at Renner Junction and milepost 597.77 at Knoll Trail Road in Collin and Dallas Counties, TX.¹ The line traverses

¹ In 1999, DGNO acquired, *inter alia*, local trackage rights over the line from UP, a successor in interest to St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company, which held both local and overhead trackage rights at the time. *See Dallas, Garland & Northeastern Railroad, Inc.—Lease Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 33686 (STB served Feb. 5, 1999). In 2003, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) acquired, *inter alia*, from RRROW, a successor in interest to Dallas Area Rapid Transit Property Acquisition Corporation, the right, title, and ownership interest in the right-of-way, trackage, and other physical assets associated with the line, subject to RRROW's reservation of an exclusive, perpetual freight rail operating easement. *See Dallas Area Rapid Transit—Acquisition Exemption—Certain Assets of Regional Rail Right of Way Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 34346 (STB served June 3, 2003). DART currently owns the line. RRROW owns a freight rail operating easement over the line (including the residual common carrier obligation to provide freight service), and DGNO owns local trackage

United States Postal Service Zip Codes 75248, 75252 and 75080.

Applicants have certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line 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 Surface Transportation 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 at 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 these exemptions, 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, these exemptions will be effective on January 27, 2010, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),³ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by January 7, 2010. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by January 19, 2010, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicants' representatives: For RRROW, Edward J.

rights over the line. Although RRROW believes that UP does not retain any trackage rights over the line as a result of the aforementioned 1999 transaction with DGNO, UP is joining this transaction out of an abundance of caution to discontinue any trackage rights that UP may continue to have over the line.

² 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.

³ Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,500. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

Fishman, K&L Gates LLP, 1601 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006; for DGNO, Scott Williams, Senior V.P. and General Counsel, RailAmerica, 7411 Fullerton Street, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256; and for UP, Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920, Chicago, IL 60606.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemptions are void *ab initio*.

Applicants have filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment and discontinuances on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by December 31, 2009. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 245-0305. 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), RRROW 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 affected by RRROW's filing of a notice of consummation by December 28, 2010, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: December 22, 2009.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-1054 (Sub-No. 1X)]

Northern Plains Railroad, Inc.— Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Bottineau, Rolette, and Towner Counties, ND

Northern Plains Railroad, Inc. (NPR),¹ has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* to discontinue service over 60.5 miles of a line of railroad owned by Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway (Soo) between milepost 474.5, in Bisbee, Towner County, ND, and milepost 535.0, in Kramer, Bottineau County, ND.² The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 58748, 58318, 58384, 58366, 58310, and 58317.

NPR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic to 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 Surface Transportation Board (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 1105.12 (newspaper publication) and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.³

As a condition to these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the service discontinuance 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

¹ NPR was authorized to lease and operate the line in *Northern Plains Railroad, Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Certain Lines of Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway*, STB Finance Docket No. 33324 (STB served Jan. 9, 1997).

² Soo was authorized to abandon the line in *Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Bottineau, Rolette, and Towner Counties, ND*, STB Docket No. AB-57 (Sub-No. 56X) (STB served Sept. 5, 2008).

³ Because this is a discontinuance of service proceeding and not an abandonment, the proceeding is exempt from the requirements of 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), and 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter).