

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**[Docket No. DOT-OST-2010-0212]****Agency Request for Approval of a Previously Approved Information Collection(s): Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments and for Grants and Cooperative Agreements With Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Nonprofit Organizations****AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation (DOT) invites public comments about our intention to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew a previously approved information collection. This information collection involves the use of various forms necessary because of management and oversight responsibilities of the agency imposed by OMB Circular 2 CFR 215 (A-110) (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations) and OMB Circular A-102 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments). These forms include Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424), Federal Financial Report (SF-425), Request for Advance or Reimbursement (SF-270), and Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement for Construction Programs (SF-271).

The Department has terminated Financial Status Report (SF-269 and SF-269A) and Federal Cash Transactions Report (SF-272 and SF-272A). The information contained in these forms is now consolidated into SF-425, which was approved by OMB for Federal-wide use on October 1, 2008 and recently revised on June 28, 2010. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted November 2, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. DOT-OST-2010-0212 through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department

of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Shields, Associate Director of the Financial Assistance Management Division, M-65, Office of the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-4268. Refer to OMB Control Number 2105-0520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 2105-0520.

Title: Uniform Administrative Requirements For Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments and For Grants and Cooperative Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Nonprofit Organizations.

Form Numbers: SF-424, SF-425, SF-270, and SF-271.

Type of Request: Revision of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: This request combines two previously approved Information Collection Requests (ICR) (OMB Control numbers 2105-0531 and 2105-0520) into OMB Control Number 2105-0520. The Department is also requesting the renewal of information and collection requirements imposed by OMB Circular A-110 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations, which the Department of Transportation codified at 49 CFR 18.40, 18.41 and 19), and OMB Circular 102 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments). OMB provides management and oversight of the circulars. OMB also provides for a standard figure of seventy burden hours per grantee annually for completion of required forms. This collection covers only those DOT programs that utilize the standard OMB forms SF-424, SF-425, SF-270, and SF-271. The Department requests the Discontinuance of SF-269, SF-269A, SF-272, and SF-272A as well as OMB Control Number 2105-0531.

The Department's request for approval of the Federal Financial Report (FFR) (SF-425) is based on the **Federal Register** notice dated August 13, 2008, which states "As soon as possible after October 1, 2008, and no later than October 1, 2009, each agency must

transition from the SF-269, SF-269A, SF-272, and SF-272A to the SF-425, by requiring recipients to use the FFR for all financial reports submitted after the date it makes the transition. In making the transition, an agency would incorporate the requirement to use the FFR into terms and conditions of new and ongoing grant and cooperative agreement awards, State plans, and/or program regulations that specify financial reporting requirements." Comments on this notice were received and addressed in a **Federal Register** notice dated August 13, 2008 (72 FR, 69236). These comments and responses can be found on the OMB Forms Web site at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/grants_standard_report_forms.html.

Respondents: Grantees.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,329.

Estimated Frequency: Quarterly.

Estimated Number of Responses: 10,814.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 756,980 hours.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 30, 2010.

Patricia Lawton,

DOT Paperwork Reduction Act Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board****[Docket No. AB 1020 (Sub-No. 1X)]****East Penn Railroad, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—In Montgomery County, PA**

East Penn Railroad, LLC (ESPN) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49

CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 2.14-mile line of railroad between milepost 0.0 in the Borough of Bridgeport, and milepost 2.14 at Henderson Road in Upper Merion Township, in Montgomery County, Pa. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 19401 and 19406.

ESPN has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) no overhead traffic has been handled on the line;¹ (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 at 49 CFR 1105.7(c) (environmental 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 Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 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 October 6, 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 September 13, 2010. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by September 23, 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 ESPN's representative: Karl Morell, Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

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

ESPN has filed environmental and historic reports that address the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by September 10, 2010. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to OEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling OEA, 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), ESPN 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 ESPN's filing of a notice of consummation by September 3, 2011, 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: August 30, 2010.

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

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 704X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Clay County, KY

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt*

Abandonments to abandon a 2.95-mile of railroad on its Southern Region, Huntington Division West, CV Subdivision, extending from milepost OCF 208.71 to milepost OCF 211.66, known as the Horse Creek Branch, in Manchester, Clay County, KY. The following stations are located on the line: (1) Claymont, milepost OCF208; (2) Greenleaf, milepost OCF210; (3) Red Bird, milepost OCF203; (4) Orford, milepost OCF214; (5) Sibert, milepost OCF216; (6) North Ridge, milepost OCF212; and (7) Becky Ann2, milepost OCF217. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 40962.

CSXT has 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 (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(c) (environmental 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 Railroad & The Union Pacific Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 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 October 5, 2010, 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

¹ According to ESPN, the line is stub-ended and not capable of handling overhead traffic.

² The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. 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).

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