

the mileage reported under the “other” category. This change will not impact the burden of the information collection.

**Additional Material Type:** PHMSA recognizes that composite pipe materials are currently being used, or considered for use, by the pipeline industry. Outside of reinforced thermosetting plastic, in certain and limited use, composite pipe can only be used if PHMSA issues a special permit. In an effort to determine the amount of composite pipe currently in use, PHMSA proposes to add “composite pipe” as a material type to Parts D and N of the gas transmission annual report. This change will not impact the burden of the information collection.

**Removal of Sections A6 and A8:** Section A6 in the gas transmission annual report allows each submitter to characterize the facilities covered by their Operator Identification (OPID) and commodity group with respect to whether they are included in an integrity management program subject to 49 CFR part 192. Section A8 allowed submitters to identify whether or not there were any changes from the previous year’s filing. PHMSA has determined that these sections provide limited value to all stakeholders and should be removed. This change will not impact the burden of the information collection.

**Anomalies Removed from Gas Transmission Systems:** The gas transmission annual report currently collects information about the number of anomalies repaired in response to integrity assessments. During data quality checks of the 2010 data, PHMSA learned that many anomalies are eliminated from gas transmission systems by pipe replacement or abandonment. This data helps to demonstrate the benefits of integrity management programs. Therefore, PHMSA proposes to revise the gas transmission annual report to collect the number of anomalous conditions eliminated by pipe replacement and abandonment in Part F of the report.

PHMSA estimates that these revisions will add a burden of two hours per response to the gas transmission annual report. PHMSA receives approximately 1,440 gas transmission annual reports each year. Therefore, PHMSA estimates the burden of the information collection to increase by a total of 2,880 hours (1,440 reports  $\times$  2 hours). A copy of the revised report has been placed in the docket and is available for comment.

#### D. Information Collection Focus

PHMSA is only requesting approval of the information collection changes addressed in this notice. The information collection for hazardous liquid accident reports (OMB control number 2137-0047) is scheduled to expire December 31, 2013, and the information collection that covers gas transmission annual reports and incident reports (OMB control number 2137-0522) is scheduled to expire January 31, 2014. In 2013, PHMSA will solicit comments on all aspects of these

information collections, including the forms, in accordance with the standard PRA renewal process.

#### E. Summary of Impacted Collections

The following information is provided for each information collection: (1) Title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) Current expiration date; (4) Type of request; (5) Abstract of the information collection activity; (6) Description of affected public; (7) Estimate of total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden; and (8) Frequency of collection. PHMSA is only focusing on the revisions detailed in this notice and will request revisions to the following information collection activities. PHMSA requests comments on the following information collections:

**1. Title:** Incident and Annual Reports for Gas Pipeline Operators.

**OMB Control Number:** 2137-0522.

**Current Expiration Date:** 1/31/2014.

**Type of Request:** Revision.

**Abstract:** PHMSA is looking to revise the gas transmission annual report (PHMSA F 7100.2-1) to collect additional information in response to recent NTSB recommendations and legislation. In addition, PHMSA is revising the gas transmission incident report form (PHMSA F 7100.2) to allow for the submission of additional information regarding the pipe in relation to girth weld failures.

**Affected Public:** Gas transmission/gathering pipeline operators.

**Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:**

**Total Annual Responses:** 21,864.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 80,264 (increase of 2,880).

**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion.

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

**OMB Control Number:** 2137-0047.

**Current Expiration Date:** 12/31/2013.

**Type of Request:** Revision.

**Abstract:** PHMSA is looking to revise the hazardous liquid incident report form (PHMSA F 7000-1) to allow for the submission of additional information regarding the pipe in relation to girth weld failures.

**Affected Public:** Hazardous liquid pipeline operators.

**Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:**

**Total Annual Responses:** 847.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 51,329.

**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion.

**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 April 10, 2012.

**Linda Daugherty,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Policy and Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35606]

#### State of Michigan Department of Transportation—Acquisition Exemption—Certain Assets of Norfolk Southern Railway Company

The State of Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) certain right-of-way and trackage extending from (1) approximately milepost 7.60 at Townline in Wayne County, Mich. to approximately milepost 119.60 at CP Baron in Calhoun County, Mich., a distance of approximately 112.0 miles, and (2) approximately milepost 121.39 in Gord, Calhoun County, Mich., to approximately milepost 145.60 in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Mich., a distance of approximately 24.21 miles (collectively, the line). MDOT states that, under the proposed transaction, NSR would not transfer to MDOT certain real property and personal property otherwise part of the line, including Wayne Yard and Willow Run Yard. According to MDOT, NSR will retain an exclusive, irrevocable, perpetual, assignable, divisible, licensable and transferable freight operations easement to provide freight rail service on the line.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> A motion to dismiss this notice of exemption on the grounds that the transaction does not require authorization from the Board was concurrently filed with this notice of exemption. MDOT requests that the Board give expedited consideration to the motion and issue a decision effective by May 31,

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MDOT states that the proposed transaction has been agreed upon pursuant to an Agreement for Purchase and Sale by and between MDOT and NSR. According to MDOT, it would operate intercity passenger rail service, through a designated third-party operator, and MDOT would not acquire any freight operating rights. MDOT also states that the agreement does not contain any provisions that would limit interchange with a third party.

MDOT certifies that, because it will not conduct any rail operations on the line being acquired, its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million.

MDOT states that it expects to consummate the proposed transaction on May 31, 2012, or later. The earliest this transaction may be consummated is April 29, 2012, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the exemption is filed).

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than April 20, 2012 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35606, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Kevin M. Sheys, Nossaman LLP, 1666 K Street NW., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20006.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov).

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2012. The motion to dismiss will be addressed in a subsequent Board decision.

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

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Debt Management Advisory Committee Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 10(a)(2), that a meeting will be held at the Hay-Adams Hotel, 16th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC, on May 1, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. of the following debt management advisory committee:

Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association.

The agenda for the meeting provides for a charge by the Secretary of the Treasury or his designate that the Committee discuss particular issues and conduct a working session. Following the working session, the Committee will present a written report of its recommendations. The meeting will be closed to the public, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 10(d) and Public Law 103-202, 202(c)(1)(B)(31 U.S.C. 3121 note).

This notice shall constitute my determination, pursuant to the authority placed in heads of agencies by 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 10(d) and vested in me by Treasury Department Order No. 101-05, that the meeting will consist of discussions and debates of the issues presented to the Committee by the Secretary of the Treasury and the making of recommendations of the Committee to the Secretary, pursuant to Public Law 103-202, 202(c)(1)(B). Thus, this information is exempt from disclosure under that provision and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3)(B). In addition, the meeting is concerned with information that is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A). The public interest requires that such meetings be closed to the public because the Treasury Department requires frank and full

advice from representatives of the financial community prior to making its final decisions on major financing operations. Historically, this advice has been offered by debt management advisory committees established by the several major segments of the financial community. When so utilized, such a committee is recognized to be an advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 3.

Although the Treasury's final announcement of financing plans may not reflect the recommendations provided in reports of the Committee, premature disclosure of the Committee's deliberations and reports would be likely to lead to significant financial speculation in the securities market. Thus, this meeting falls within the exemption covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A).

Treasury staff will provide a technical briefing to the press on the day before the Committee meeting, following the release of a statement of economic conditions and financing estimates. This briefing will give the press an opportunity to ask questions about financing projections. The day after the Committee meeting, Treasury will release the minutes of the meeting, any charts that were discussed at the meeting, and the Committee's report to the Secretary.

The Office of Debt Management is responsible for maintaining records of debt management advisory committee meetings and for providing annual reports setting forth a summary of Committee activities and such other matters as may be informative to the public consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552(b). The Designated Federal Officer or other responsible agency official who may be contacted for additional information is Fred Pietrangeli, Deputy Director for Office of Debt Management (202) 622-1876.

Dated: April 9, 2012.

**Matthew S. Rutherford,**  
*Acting Assistant Secretary, Financial Markets.*

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