Supplemental Notice of Abandonment of Rail Lines

The Interstate Commerce Commission, to seek authority under the Interstate Commerce Act, persons seeking to construct, acquire or operate a line of railroad, and railroads seeking to abandon or to discontinue operations over a line of railroad or, in the case of two or more railroads, to consolidate their interests through merger or a common-control arrangement are required to file an application for prior approval and authority with the Board. See 49 U.S.C. 10901-03 and 11323-26. Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, persons may seek an exemption from many of the application requirements of §§ 10901-03 and 11323-26 by filing with the Board a petition for exemption or notice of exemption in lieu of an application. The collection by the Board of these applications, petitions, and notices enables the Board to meet its statutory duty to regulate the referenced rail transactions.

DATES: Comments on this information collection should be submitted by August 15, 2012.

ADDRESS: Written comments should be identified as “Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Surface Transportation Board, Statutory Licensing and Consolidation Authority.” These comments should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Patrick Fuchs, Surface Transportation Board Desk Officer, by fax at (202) 395-5167; by mail at OMB, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503; or by email at OIRA_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marilyn Levitt, (202) 245-0269. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: (800) 877-8339.]

Relevant STB regulations are referenced below and may be viewed on the STB’s Web site under E-Library > Reference: STB Rules, <http://www.stb.dot.gov/stb/elibrary/ref_stbrules.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under §§ 10901-03 and 11323-26, an application is required to seek authority under these sections, unless an applicant receives an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502. Respondents seeking such authority from the Board must submit certain information required under the Board’s related regulations. The table below shows the statutory and regulatory provisions under which the Board requires the information collection that are the subject of this notice.

### TABLE—STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

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Under the PRA, a Federal agency conducting or sponsoring a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Under § 3506(b) of the PRA, Federal agencies are required to provide, concurrent with an agency’s submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 30-day notice and comment period, through publication in the Federal Register, concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

Dated: July 16, 2012.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

#### Fiscal Service

**Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds—Termination and Merger: Harleysville Mutual Insurance Company (NAIC #14168)**

**AGENCY:** Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is Supplement No. 22 to the Treasury Department Circular 570, 2011 Revision, published July 1, 2011, at 76 FR 38892.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874-6850.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that the Certificate of Authority issued by the Treasury to the above-named company under 31 U.S.C. 9305 to qualify as acceptable surety on Federal bonds has been terminated. The above-named company merged with and into Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company (NAIC #23787) effective May 1, 2012. The surviving corporation of the merger activity is Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company (NAIC #23787), an Ohio domiciled corporation. Federal bond-approving officials should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Department Circular 570 (“Circular”), 2011 Revision, to reflect this change.

In the event bond-approving officers have questions relating to bonds issued by the above-named company, they should contact Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company at (614) 249-7111. The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet at www.fms.treas.gov/c570. Questions concerning this notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Financial Accounting and
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Fiscal Service

SURETIES COMPANIES ACCEPTABLE ON FEDERAL BONDS—TERMINATION: PEERLESS INSURANCE COMPANY


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is Supplement No. 21 to the Treasury Department Circular 570, 2011 Revision, published July 1, 2011, at 76 FR 38892.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Surety Bond Branch at (202) 674–6850.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Certificate of Authority issued by the Treasury to the above-named company under 31 U.S.C. 9305 to qualify as acceptable surety on Federal bonds is terminated effective June 30, 2012. Federal bond-approving officials should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Department Circular 570 ("Circular"). 2011 Revision, to reflect this change.

With respect to any bonds currently in force with this company, bond-approving officers may let such bonds run to expiration and need not secure new bonds. However, no new bonds should be accepted from this company, and bonds that are continuous in nature should not be renewed.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet at www.fms.treas.gov/c570.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6F01, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Dated: June 29, 2012.

Laura Carrico,
Director, Financial Accounting and Services Division.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

PROPOSED INFORMATION COLLECTION: AUTHORIZATION TO SUBSTITUTE A CLAIM OF A DECEASED CLAIMANT 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 on the information needed to allow claimants to request substitution for a claimant, who passed away, prior to VA processing a claim to completion. This is only allowed when a claimant dies while a claim or appeal for any benefit under a law administered by the VA is pending. The substitute claimant would be eligible to receive accrued benefits due to a deceased claimant under Section 5121(a). The substitute claim must be filed no later than one year after the date of the death of the claimant. By law, VA must have a claimant’s or beneficiary’s written permission (an “authorization”) to be a substitute claimant. The claimant or beneficiary may revoke the authorization at any time, except if VA has already acted based on the permission.

AFFECTED PUBLIC: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,667.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Dated: July 13, 2012.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,
Program Analyst, Enterprise Records Service.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AGENCY INFORMATION COLLECTION: APPLICATION FOR FEE OR PERSONNEL DESIGNATION ACTIVITY UNDER OMB REVIEW

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.