

staff to ensure that prospective participants meet study inclusion criteria and facilitate their study participation.

The purpose of the study is to assess the effect(s) of physical activity and physical fitness training on the driving performance of adults 70 and older. Analyses of these data will provide information about whether people age 70 and older who participate in regular physical activity perform better in a driving evaluation and/or drive more than do healthy, sedentary drivers of a similar age; whether particular physical training activities relate to improved functioning in specific driving tasks; and the extent to which driving performance and/or exposure of sedentary older adults will improve, following participation in physical activity. NHTSA will use the information to inform recommendations to the public regarding how improved physical fitness can result in better driving performance for the purpose of reducing injuries and loss of life on the highway.

Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number, and Proposed Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information)— Respondents will include community dwelling, independently living licensed drivers, age 70 and older, from Chapel Hill, North Carolina and surrounding areas. It is estimated that 270 telephone conversations will be conducted with respondents to descriptive solicitations to yield 180 study participants. This assumes that up to one-third of interested older drivers will not meet inclusion/exclusion criteria for study participation.

Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden Resulting from the Collection of Information—The 270 telephone conversations will average 15 minutes in length including introduction, qualifying questions, potential participant questions, logistical questions, and conclusion. The total estimated annual burden will be 67.5 hours. Participants will incur no costs from the data collection and participants will incur no record keeping burden and no record keeping cost from the information collection.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

Issued on November 12, 2013.

Jeff Michael,

Associate Administrator, Research and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35780]

Dynergy Inc., Illinois Power Holdings, LLC and Illinois Power Holdings II, LLC—Acquisition of Control Exemption—Coffeen and Western Railroad Company and Joppa & Eastern Railroad Company

Dynergy Inc. (Dynergy), Illinois Power Holdings, LLC (IPH) and Illinois Power Holdings II, LLC (IPH II)¹ (collectively, Applicants), all noncarriers, have filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to acquire control of the Coffeen and Western Railroad Company (CWRC) and the Joppa & Eastern Railroad (JERR), both Class III rail carriers that operate within the State of Illinois.

According to Applicants, Dynergy, a noncarrier holding company, and Ameren Corporation (Ameren) have entered into an agreement dated March 14, 2013, in which Dynergy's wholly owned subsidiary, IPH, will acquire Ameren's subsidiary, Ameren Energy Resources Company, LLC (AER) and AER's subsidiaries, Ameren Energy Generating Company (AEGC), Ameren Energy Resources Generating Company, Ameren Energy Fuels and Services Company, and Ameren Energy Marketing Company, including several electric generating plants, and other properties of AER. As part of that agreement, Dynergy, through IPH and IPH II, also will acquire control through stock ownership of CWRC and JERR.² The stock of CWRC is currently owned by AEGC, a wholly owned subsidiary of AER. The stock of JERR is currently owned by Electric Energy, Inc., in which AEGC holds an 80% ownership interest. The remaining 20% ownership interest is held by Kentucky Utilities Company. Applicants state that, following consummation of the transaction, AER will be wholly owned by IPH and AER's name will be changed to Illinois Power Resources Company, LLC, and AEGC will be wholly owned by Illinois Power Resources Company, LLC and its named will be changed to Illinois Power Generating Company.

Applicants intend to consummate the transaction on or about December 2, 2013.

¹ Both IPH and IPH II are wholly owned subsidiaries of Dynergy.

² A redacted version of the agreement was filed with the notice of exemption. The Applicants concurrently filed a motion for protective order pursuant to 49 CFR 1104.14(b) to allow the filing under seal of the unredacted agreement. That motion will be addressed in a separate decision.

Applicants state that: (1) The rail lines operated by CWRC and JERR do not connect with each other or with any rail lines operated by rail carriers in the Dynergy corporate family; (2) the transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the rail lines operated by CWRC and JERR with each other or with any railroad in the Dynergy corporate family; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I rail carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323 pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under §§ 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Accordingly, the Board may not impose labor protective conditions here, because all of the carriers involved are Class III carriers.

If the verified 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. Stay petitions must be filed no later than November 22, 2013 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35780, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy must be served on Andrew B. Kolesar III, Slover & Loftus LLP, 1224 Seventeenth Street NW., Washington, DC 20036.

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Decided: November 12, 2013.

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

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8879-EX

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8879-EX, IRS e-file Signature Authorization for Forms 720, 2290, and 8849.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 14, 2014 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Yvette Lawrence, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Katherine Dean, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6242, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet, at katherine.b.dean@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: IRS e-file Signature Authorization for Forms 720, 2290, and 8849.

OMB Number: 1545-2081.

Form Number: 8879-EX.

Abstract: The Form 8879-EX, IRS e-file Signature Authorization for Forms 720, 2290, and 8849, will be used in the Modernized e-File program. Form 8879-EX authorizes an a taxpayer and an electronic return originator (ERO) to use a personal identification number (PIN) to electronically sign an electronic excise tax return and, if applicable, authorize an electronic funds withdrawal.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a previously approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 3 hours, 7 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 46,800.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information

unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: October 30, 2013.

Yvette Lawrence,

OMB Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Notice 2004-59

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Notice 2004-59, plan amendments following election of alternative deficit reduction contribution.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 14, 2014 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Yvette Lawrence, Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to Katherine Dean at Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet at Katherine.b.dean@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Plan Amendments Following Election of Alternative Deficit Reduction Contribution.

OMB Number: 1545-1889.

Notice Number: Notice 2004-59.

Abstract: Notice 2004-59 sets forth answers to certain questions raised by the public when there is an amendment to an election to take advantage of the alternative deficit reduction contribution described in Public Law 108-218. This notice requires what are designed as restricted amendments.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the notice at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Average Time per Respondent: 4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 400.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;