

Dated this 19th day of December 2003.

**Frank J. Congel,**

*Director, Office of Enforcement.*

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## OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

OPIC's Sunshine Act notice of its public hearing was published in the **Federal Register** (Volume 68, Number 237, Page 68958 and 68959) on December 10, 2003. No requests were received to provide testimony or submit written statements for the record; therefore, OPIC's public hearing in conjunction with OPIC's January 6, 2004 Board of Directors meeting scheduled for 2 p.m. on December 30, 2003 has been cancelled.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information on the hearing cancellation may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336-8438, via facsimile at (202) 218-0136, or via e-mail at [cdown@opic.gov](mailto:cdown@opic.gov).

Dated: December 30, 2003.

**Connie M. Downs,**

*OPIC Corporate Secretary.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Comment Request for OMB Review of a New Information Collection: General Population Rental Equivalency Survey

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for a review of a new information collection. OPM is seeking comments on its plan to conduct a General Population Rental Equivalency Survey (GPRES) on a one-time basis to collect information on actual and estimated rents and rental characteristics from homeowners and renters in Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Washington, DC, area. OPM will use this information to see whether (1) differences between homeowner rent estimates and rental rates for

comparable housing vary among the nonforeign cost-of-living allowance (COLA) areas and the Washington, DC, area; (2) rents vary among areas based on how long renters live in their rental units; and (3) rental data collected in GPRES differ on average from rental data that OPM collects in the COLA surveys. OPM regulations, adopted pursuant to the stipulation of settlement in *Caraballo v. United States*, No. 1997-0027 (D.V.I.), August 17, 2000, require the survey of rents and rental equivalence (homeowner estimates of the rental value of their homes).

OPM will collect information from approximately 5,000 to 8,000 respondents and estimates the total time per respondent at 8 minutes, for a total burden of 670 to 1070 hours. To determine the number of respondents, OPM used a common statistical sampling formula and the standard deviations from a previous Federal employee housing survey and from COLA rental surveys at different confidence levels. At the recommendation of Westat, a contractor advising OPM, OPM anticipates using computer assisted telephone interviews (CATI) for this survey. Westat estimates, based on its experience and the experience of other surveyors, that each CATI will take on average approximately 8 minutes.

Comments are particularly invited on whether (1) this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OPM functions, (2) it will have practical utility, (3) our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate and based on valid assumptions and methodology, and (4) there are ways in which we can minimize respondent burden of the collection of information through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, fax (202) 418-3251, or e-mail [mbtoomey@opm.gov](mailto:mbtoomey@opm.gov). Please include a mailing address with your request.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 2, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to Donald J. Winstead, Deputy Associate Director for Pay and Performance Policy, Office of Personnel Management, Room 7H31, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415-8200; fax (202) 606-4264, or e-mail: [cola@opm.gov](mailto:cola@opm.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donald L. Paquin, (202) 606-2838.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Kay Coles James,**

*Director.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Reclearance of a Revised Information Collection: RI 38-128

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for reclearance of a revised information collection. RI 38-128, It's Time to Sign Up for Direct Deposit, is now primarily used by OPM to give recent retirees the opportunity to waive Direct Deposit of their annuity payments. The form is sent only if the separating agency did not give the retiring employee this election opportunity. This form may also be used to enroll in Direct Deposit, which was its primary use before Public Law 104-134 was passed. This law requires OPM to make all annuity payments by Direct Deposit unless the payee has waived the service in writing.

Approximately 20,000 forms are completed annually. The form takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 10,000 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, FAX (202) 418-3251 or via e-mail to [mbtoomey@opm.gov](mailto:mbtoomey@opm.gov). Please include a mailing address with your request.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received by February 1, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to—

Ronald W. Melton, Chief, Operations Support Group, Retirement Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3349, Washington, DC 20415-3540; and Joseph F. Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

#### FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

**ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION CONTACT:** Cyrus S. Benson, Team Leader,

Publications Team, RIS Support Services, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Kay Coles James,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-400 (Sub-No. 3X)]

#### Seminole Gulf Railway, L.P.— Abandonment Exemption—in Sarasota County, FL

On December 15, 2003, Seminole Gulf Railway, L.P. (SGLR), filed with the Surface Transportation Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon an approximately 12.43-mile portion of its Venice Branch between milepost SW 892 outside the city limits of the City of Sarasota, and milepost 904.4 near the City of Venice, in Sarasota County, FL. The line includes a “wyeh” and stub at approximately milepost SW 904.2 and side tracks. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 34233, 34238, 34272, 34275, and 34285, and includes the stations of Laurel (milepost SW 900), Nakomis (milepost SW 902), and Venice (milepost SW 904).

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in SGLR’s possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by April 2, 2004.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,100 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than January 22, 2004. Each trail use request must be accompanied

by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-400 (Sub-No. 3X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Eric M. Hocky, Gollatz, Griffin & Ewing, P.C., Four Penn Center, Suite 200, 1600 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19103. Replies to the petition are due on or before January 22, 2004.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment and discontinuance procedures may contact the Board’s Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board’s Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1539. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: December 22, 2003.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 15, 2003.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this

information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before February 2, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

### Departmental Offices/Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund

*OMB Number:* New.

*Form Number:* CDFI 0010.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Title:* New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program Allocation Tracking System (ATS).

*Description:* The purpose of the NMTC Program ATS is to obtain information on investors making qualified investments in community development entities that receive New Markets Tax Credit allocation.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institution.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 66.

*Estimated Burden Hours per Respondent/Recordkeeper:* 12 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 792 hours.

*OMB Number:* New.

*Form Number:* CDFI 0011.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Title:* NMTC Program Allocation Agreement—Disclosure, Audited Financial Statements.

*Description:* Entities receiving New Markets Tax Credit Program Allocation must enter into an allocation agreement with the CDFI Fund. The allocation agreement contains certain disclosure and reporting requirements.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 71.

*Estimated Burden Hours per Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 76 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1559-0011.

*Form Number:* CDFI 0016.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Conflict of Interest Package for CDFI Fund Non-Federal Readers.

*Description:* The CDFI Fund seeks to collect information from potential contractors hired to evaluate Fund program applications to identify, evaluate, and avoid potential conflicts of interest which the contractors may have with such applications.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households.