

The purpose of the trackage rights is to allow KO to continue to provide rail service over the subject line.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34535, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Craig Richey, 315 W. 3rd Street, Pittsburg, KS 66762.

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

Decided: August 20, 2004.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Comment Request for Financial Literacy and Education Commission National Strategy

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Financial Literacy and Education Improvement Act established the Financial Literacy and Education Commission. On behalf of the Commission, the Department of the Treasury invites the public to comment on the development of a national strategy to promote the basic financial literacy and financial education of everyone in the United States.

**DATES:** Comments should be received on or before October 31, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Department of the Treasury, Financial Literacy and Education Commission, Room 5001B, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220, or via e-mail to [flecstrategy@do.treas.gov](mailto:flecstrategy@do.treas.gov).

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Michael Schutt at (202) 622-5770 (not a toll-free call), or by e-mail to the above address.

Additional information regarding the Commission and the Department of the Treasury's Office of Financial Education may be obtained through the Office of Financial Education's Web site at: <http://www.treas.gov/financialeducation>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Financial Literacy and Education Improvement Act, which is Title V of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 (the "FACT Act") (Pub. L. 108-159), established the Financial Literacy and Education Commission to improve financial literacy and financial education of persons in the United States.

*Request for Comments:* Comments are specifically requested concerning: (1) What are the three most important issues that the national strategy should address, and why? (2) What existing resources may be used to address those issues, and how could they be employed? (3) What are the best ways to improve financial literacy and financial education in the United States? Commenters are urged to keep comments succinct and responsive to these questions.

*The Commission:* The Commission is chaired by the Secretary of the Treasury and is composed of the heads of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; the Office of Thrift Supervision; the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; the National Credit Union Administration; the Securities and Exchange Commission; the Departments of Education, Agriculture, Defense, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Labor, and Veterans Affairs; the Federal Trade Commission; the General Services Administration; the Small Business Administration; the Social Security Administration; the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and the Office of Personnel Management. The Commission is required, not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of the FACT Act, to develop a national strategy to promote basic financial literacy and education among all American consumers. The FACT Act was enacted on December 4, 2003.

Dated: August 20, 2004.

**Dan Iannicola, Jr.,**

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Disciplinary Appeals Board Panel

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Section 203 of the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Personnel Act of 1991 (Pub. L. 102-40), dated May 7, 1991, revised the disciplinary grievance and appeal procedures for employees appointed under 38 U.S.C. 7401(1). It also required the periodic designation of employees of the Department who are qualified to serve on Disciplinary Appeals Boards. These employees constitute the Disciplinary Appeals Board panel from which Board members in a case are appointed. This notice announces that the roster of employees on the panel is available for review and comment. Employees, employee organizations, and other interested parties shall be provided, without charge, a list of the names of employees on the panel upon request and may submit comments concerning the suitability for service on the panel of any employee whose name is on the list.

**DATES:** Names that appear on the panel may be selected to serve on a Board or as a grievance examiner after September 27, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for the list of names of employees on the panel and written comments may be directed to: Secretary of Veterans Affairs (051E), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Requests and comments may also be faxed to (202) 273-9776.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catherine Baranek, Employee Relations Specialist (051), Office of Human Resources Management and Labor Relations, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Ms. Baranek may be reached at (336) 631-5019.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pub. L. 102-40 requires that the availability of the roster be posted in the **Federal Register** periodically, and not less than annually.

Dated: August 19, 2004.

**Anthony J. Principi,**

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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