

Commission in the March 31, 2003 Staff Requirements Memorandum related to risk-informing 10 CFR 50.46.

*4:45 p.m.–7 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open/Closed)*—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting. In addition, the Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on Safety Culture and on Safeguards and Security matters (Closed). The discussion of the Safeguards and Security report will be held in Room T-8E8.

**Friday, July 11, 2003, Conference Room T-2B3, Two White Flint North Rockville, Maryland**

*8:30 a.m.–8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)*—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

*8:35 a.m.–9:30 a.m.: Recent Operating Events (Open)*—The Committee will hear a briefing by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation on the South Texas Project Reactor Vessel Bottom Head Penetration Leakage.

*9:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m.: Future ACRS Activities/Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee (Open)*—The Committee will discuss the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future meetings. Also, it will hear a report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business, including anticipated workload and member assignments.

*10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m.: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open)*—The Committee will discuss the responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations (EDO) to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports and letters. The EDO responses are expected to be made available to the Committee prior to the meeting.

*10:45 a.m.–7 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open/Closed)*—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting. In addition, the Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on Safety Culture and on Safeguards and Security (Closed). The discussion of the Safeguards and Security report will be held in Room T-8E8.

*7 p.m.–7:15 p.m.: Miscellaneous (Open)*—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed

during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 11, 2002 (67 FR 63460). In accordance with those procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including representatives of the nuclear industry. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Associate Director for Technical Support named below five days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during the meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting the Associate Director prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with the Associate Director if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

In accordance with Subsection 10(d) P.L. 92-463, I have determined that it is necessary to close a portion of this meeting noted above to discuss and protect information classified as national security information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, as well as the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting Dr. Sher Bahadur, Associate Director for Technical Support (301-415-0138), between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., ET.

ACRS meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available through the NRC Public Document Room at [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov), or by calling the PDR at 1-800-397-4209, or from the Publicly Available Records System (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS) which is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> or <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/> (ACRS & ACNW Mtg schedules/agendas).

Videoteleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACRS meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACRS

meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACRS Audio Visual Technician (301-415-8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m., ET, at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment and facilities that they use to establish the videoteleconferencing link. The availability of videoteleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

Dated: June 20, 2003.

**Andrew L. Bates,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## **RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

### **Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review**

*Summary:* In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

#### **Summary of Proposal(s)**

(1) *Collection title:* Employer's Deemed Service Month Questionnaire.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* GL-99.

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0156.

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 9/30/2003.

(5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 150.

(8) *Total annual responses:* 4,000.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 133.

(10) *Collection description:* Under section 3(i) of the Railroad Retirement Act, the Railroad Retirement Board may deem months of service in cases where an employee does not actually work in every month of the year. The collection obtains service and compensation information from railroad employers needed to determine if an employee may be credited with additional months of railroad service.

*Additional Information or Comments:* Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363).

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement

Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, at the Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Chuck Mierzwa,**  
*Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2003-15481]

#### Request for Public Comment on the Impact of Airlines Emerging From Bankruptcy on Hub Airports, Airport Systems and U.S. Capital Bond Markets

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, United States Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Transportation is gathering information to examine the impact that airlines emerging from bankruptcy could have on hub airports, as well as the ramifications on airport systems and U.S. capital bond markets. We intend to meet with airport personnel and visit various airports to conduct studies and review available information that has been completed on recent airport finance developments. Specifically, we are trying to determine: (1) How airport's operations have been affected by air carriers going bankrupt and emerging from bankruptcy; (2) the financial impact that carriers' bankruptcies have had on airports; (3) the impact that carriers emerging from bankruptcy have had on markets for airport debt; and (4) actions that the federal government or airports themselves could take to ameliorate any significant financial disruption from airline bankruptcy.

**DATES:** Comments should be received by July 28, 2003. Comments received after that will be considered to the extent possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to: Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington DC, 20590-0001. You must identify the docket number (insert here) at the beginning of your comments and send two copies of your comments. If you wish to receive confirmation that FAA received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard.

You may also file comments through the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. You may review the public docket containing comments in the Docket Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Office is located in Room Plaza 401 of the NASSIF Building at the U.S. Department of Transportation at the address listed above.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please contact Joseph Hebert, Financial Analysis and Passenger Facility Charge Branch, APP-510, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-3845; facsimile (202) 267-5302.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Congress, in H.R. Rep. 108-76 (April 12, 2003), directed the Secretary of Transportation to "examine the impact that airlines emerging from bankruptcy could have on hub airports, as well as the ramifications on airport systems and U.S. capital bond markets." In response, Department of Transportation is assembling information to examine the impact that airlines emerging from bankruptcy have on hub airports as well as the effect this has on airport systems and U.S. capital bond markets. This information is being accumulated to understand the effects carriers' bankruptcy have had on airport operations and financial health as a whole. The goal is to observe these effects and determine whether government intervention is warranted. Further, the information gathered will be used to identify financial and operating strategies that could be valuable to the airport industry in responding to an airline bankruptcy and in aiding in the recovery of a carrier emerging from bankruptcy.

We welcome comments from all interested parties, including state and local officials, airport operators, air carriers, academics, financial experts and the flying passengers. Our goal is to have a final report by September 2003.

We are interested in acquiring information that would help us answer the following questions: (1) Is an airport's health tied to a particular carrier? (2) What actions have airports taken to aid airlines emerging from bankruptcy? (3) Has any airport canceled or deferred any capital development projects based on the financial condition of a particular carrier? (4) What carriers that have filed for bankruptcy have defaulted on lease payments or rejected leases and contracts? (5) What financial impact did the airport experience from those

carriers filing for bankruptcy or emerging from bankruptcy? (6) What would be the financial impact to the airport if the bankruptcy carriers defaulted on lease and contract agreements, rejected these agreements, or reduced or ceased service? (7) Has any airport changed any of its policies regarding leases and operating permits due to a carrier bankruptcy? (8) Have the bankrupt carriers caused an airport to incur higher debt and service costs? (9) Have the carriers' recent financial problems caused any airports to defer or cancel Airport Improvement Program or Passenger Facility Charge funded development programs? (10) Do the benefits that carriers obtain from bankruptcy help or hurt airports? (11) What actions, if any, could the federal government take now to help airports adjust to their current financial environment?

Issued in Washington, DC

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34330]

#### The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Montana Western Railway Company, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board is granting a petition for exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323-25 for The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company to acquire the interest of the current operator, the Montana Western Railway Company, Inc., a Class III carrier, and to operate a 52-mile line of rail from Garrison to Butte, MT.

**DATES:** This exemption is effective on July 23, 2003. Petitions to stay must be filed by July 8, 2003. Petitions to reopen must be filed by July 18, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34330 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative, Robert M. Jenkins III, Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw, 1909 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.