

Decided: September 16, 2005.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34744]

#### **R.J. Corman Railroad Company/ Pennsylvania Lines Inc.—Lease and Operation Within a Corporate Family Transaction Exemption—R.J. Corman Railroad Property, LLC**

R.J. Corman Railroad Company/  
Pennsylvania Lines Inc. (RJCP), a Class  
III rail carrier, has filed a notice of  
exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3).  
The exemption involves what RJCP  
describes as a corporate family  
transaction whereby R.J. Corman  
Railroad Property, LLC (Railroad  
Property) will lease to RJCP and RJCP  
will operate a line of railroad, known as  
the Loup Creek Branch, extending from  
milepost 0.0 at Thurmond, WV, to  
milepost 12.0 at Mt. Hope, WV, a  
distance of approximately 12 miles.<sup>1</sup>

The transaction was scheduled to be  
consummated on or shortly after  
September 1, 2005, the effective date of  
the exemption.

This transaction is within a corporate  
family of the type specifically exempted  
from prior approval under 49 CFR  
1180.2(d)(3). RJCP states that the  
transaction will not result in adverse  
changes in service levels, significant  
operational changes, or a change in the  
competitive balance with carriers  
outside of the corporate family.

According to RJCP, the purpose of the  
transaction is to substitute one Corman  
affiliate for another as the leasee and  
operator of the line, which will address  
certain tax and financing considerations  
within the Corman family of companies,  
and will not result in any changes in rail  
service or operations.

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

<sup>1</sup> Prior to this transaction, the Loup Creek Branch  
was leased and operated by R.J. Corman Railroad  
Company/Bardstown Lines (RJCR). RJCP, Railroad  
Property and RJCR are commonly controlled by  
Richard J. Corman (Corman).

impose labor protective conditions here  
because all of the carriers involved are  
Class III carriers.

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. 34744, must be filed with  
the Surface Transportation Board, 1925  
K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-  
0001. In addition, one copy of each  
pleading must be served on Ronald A.  
Lane, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North  
Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL  
60606-2832.

Board decisions and notices are  
available on our Web site at [http://  
www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov).

Decided: September 19, 2005.

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**

September 16, 2005.

The Department of the 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 October 24, 2005  
to be assured of consideration.

#### **Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**

*OMB Number:* 1545-0619.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Credit for Increasing Research  
Activities.

*Form:* IRS form 6765.

*Description:* IRC section 38 allows for  
credit against income tax (Determined  
under IRC section 41) for an increase in  
research activities in a trade or business.

Form 6765 is used by businesses and  
individuals engaged in a trade or  
business to figure and report credit. The  
data is used to verify that the credit  
claimed is correct.

*Respondents:* Business or other-for-  
profit.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:*  
455,233 hours.

*OMB Number:* 15451257.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Credit for Prior Year Minimum  
Tax—Corporation.

*Form:* IRS form 8827.

*Description:* Section 53(d), as revised,  
allows corporation a minimum tax  
credit based on the full amount of  
alternative minimum tax incurred in tax  
years beginning after 1989, or a carry  
forward for use in a future year.

*Respondents:* Business or other for  
profit.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 25,000  
hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1653.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Revenue Procedure 99-26  
Secured Employee Benefits Settlement  
Initiative.

*Description:* This revenue procedure  
provides taxpayers options to settle  
cases in which they accelerated  
deductions for accrued employee  
benefits secured by a letter of credit,  
bond, or other similar financial  
instrument.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-  
profit.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 2,000  
hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Glenn P. Kirkland,  
(202) 622-3428, Internal Revenue  
Service, Room 6516, 1111 Constitution  
Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt,  
(202) 395-7316, Office of Management  
and Budget, Room 10235, New  
Executive Office Building, Washington,  
DC 20503.

**Michael A. Robinson,**

*Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### **Senior Executive Service; Departmental Offices; FY 2005 Performance/Bonus Review Board**

**AGENCY:** Treasury Department.

**ACTION:** Notice of membership of the  
Departmental Offices Performance/  
Bonus Review Board.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Membership is effective  
on the date of this notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), this notice announces the appointment of members of the Departmental Offices Performance/Bonus Review Board. The purpose of this Board is to review and make recommendations concerning proposed Performance ratings, bonuses and other appropriate personnel actions for

incumbents of SES positions. The Board shall consist of at least three members. In the case of an appraisal of a career appointee, more than half the members shall consist of career appointees. The names and titles of the Board members are attached.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melissa Talavera, Supervisory Human

Resources Specialist, Department of the Treasury, Office of Human Resources, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220, Telephone: (202) 622-1044.

**Joy Charles,**  
*Director, Office of Human Resources.*

**FY 2005 PERFORMANCE/BONUS REVIEW BOARD**  
[For listing in **Federal Register**]

Name	Official title
Carfine, Kenneth E .....	DAS for Fiscal Operations and Policy.
Fuller, Reese H .....	ACD Program Director.
Gardner, Janice B .....	Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis.
Gerardi, Geraldine A .....	Director for Business Taxation.
Granat, Rochelle .....	Director, Office of DC Pensions.
Hammerle, Barbara C .....	Deputy Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.
Hammond, Donald V .....	Fiscal Assistant Secretary.
Hobbs, Ira L .....	DAS & Chief Information Officer.
Lee, Nancy .....	DAS (Eurasia & Middle East).
Loevinger, David G .....	Director, Office of East Asian Nations.
Nunns, James R .....	Director for Individual Taxation.
Pointer, Patricia J .....	Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Resources/CHCO.
Relic, Rebecca L .....	DAS (Pub Lia, Str Pl, Bus Dev).
Schott, Charles G .....	DAS (Trade & Invest Policy).
Shaw, Mary Beth .....	Executive for DC Pensions Policy Development.
Sills, Gay H .....	Director, Office of International Investment.
Sobel, Mark D .....	DAS (Intl Banking & Sec Markets).
Solomon, Eric .....	DAS (Regulatory Affairs).
Werner, Robert W .....	Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Fiscal Service**

**Guidance on Cashing and Accepting for Deposit Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Assistance Checks and Government Benefit Checks Issued by the U.S. Treasury**

**AGENCY:** Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

**SUMMARY:** The Financial Management Service (FMS) is publishing additional guidance related to the cashing and accepting for deposit of U.S. Treasury checks for FEMA Disaster Assistance payments and Federal benefit payments (Treasury assistance and benefit checks), such as Social Security payments, to recipients who resided in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. Depository institutions and retailers have experienced difficulty in confirming the identity of Hurricane Katrina evacuees seeking to cash Treasury checks. To encourage depository institutions and retailers to cash Treasury assistance and benefit checks for these individuals, FMS has

established an interim policy to relieve depository institutions from liability in a reclamation action based on a forged or unauthorized indorsement. Under the interim policy, Treasury will relieve depository institutions from liability for cashing or subsequently accepting for deposit a Treasury assistance or benefit check bearing a forged or unauthorized indorsement, provided that the procedures set forth in the interim policy are followed.

**DATES:** The interim policy is effective for any Treasury assistance or benefit check cashed on or after September 3, 2005 and through November 14, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** You can download this notice at the following World Wide Web address: [http://fms.treas.gov/katrina\\_fedregister\\_fema.html](http://fms.treas.gov/katrina_fedregister_fema.html).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ronald Cymbor, Director, Financial Processing Division, at (202) 874-7913 or [ronald.cymbor@fms.treas.gov](mailto:ronald.cymbor@fms.treas.gov); or Natalie H. Diana, Senior Counsel, at 202 874-6680 or [natalie.diana@fms.treas.gov](mailto:natalie.diana@fms.treas.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Depository institutions and other entities that cash or subsequently accept

for deposit<sup>1</sup> U.S. Treasury checks are generally liable to Treasury for the amount of a check cashed over a forged or unauthorized indorsement. 31 CFR part 240. In order to ensure that Treasury checks have been properly indorsed by the payee, depository institutions and retailers typically request certain standard forms of identification from non-customers seeking to cash Treasury checks. However, in the extraordinary circumstances resulting from Hurricane Katrina, many individuals displaced from their homes and communities do not have standard forms of identification. Depository institutions and retailers have experienced difficulty in confirming the identity of Hurricane Katrina evacuees who are seeking to cash Treasury assistance and benefit checks.

Treasury recognizes that it is critical that Hurricane Katrina evacuees be able to cash their Treasury assistance and benefit checks expeditiously and wishes to encourage depository institutions to

<sup>1</sup> In this context, subsequently accepting a check for deposit pertains to the sequence of events by which a check is accepted for deposit by any number of depository institutions (after it is cashed by an individual) in order to present it to Treasury for payment. It does not refer to the depositing of a check by an individual.