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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Linsenmeyer (202) 267-5174 or Tim Adams (202) 267-8033, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to 14 CFR 11.85 and 11.91.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 13, 2006.

**Anthony F. Fazio,**

*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

### Petitions for Exemption

*Docket No.:* FAA-2006-24624.

*Petitioner:* Experimental Aircraft Association, Inc.

*Section of 14 CFR Affected:* 14 CFR 61.49(b)(2) and 61.405(b)(2)(iii).

*Description of Relief Sought:* To allow applicants to use an aircraft that is not approved for spins during retests for a flight instructor certificate with sport pilot rating practical test.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2006-25082]

### Notice of Request for the Extension of Currently Approved Information Collections

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB)

approval to renew the following information collections:

(1) Bus Testing Program.

(2) Transit Research, Development, Demonstration and Deployment Projects.

The collections involve our Bus Testing and Transit Research Programs. The information to be collected for the Bus Testing Program is necessary to ensure that buses have been tested at the Bus Testing Center for maintainability, reliability, safety, performance, structural integrity, fuel economy, emissions, and noise. The information to be collected for Transit Research, Development, Demonstration and Deployment Projects is necessary to determine eligibility of applicants and ensure mass transportation service at a minimum cost. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted before August 21, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; telefax comments to (202) 493-2251; or submit electronically at <http://dms.dot.gov>. All comments should include the docket number in this notice's heading. All comments may be examined and copied at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you desire a receipt, you must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or, if you submit your comments electronically, you may print the acknowledgement page.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

—Mr. Marcel Belanger, FTA Office of Research, Demonstration and Innovation, (202) 366-0725, for the Bus Testing Program.

—Mr. Bruce Robinson, FTA Office of Research, Demonstration and Innovation, (202) 366-4209, for Transit Research, Development, Demonstration and Deployment Projects.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of these information collections, including: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing

the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of these information collections.

*Title:* Bus Testing Program.

*OMB Control No.:* 2132-0550.

*Background:* 49 U.S.C. 5323(c)

provides that no Federal funds appropriated or made available after September 30, 1989, may be obligated or expended for the acquisition of a new bus model (including any model using alternative fuels) unless the bus has been tested at the Bus Testing Center (Center) in Altoona, Pennsylvania. 49 U.S.C. 5318(a) further specifies that each new bus model is to be tested for maintainability, reliability, safety, performance (including braking performance), structural integrity, fuel economy, emissions, and noise.

The operator of the Bus Testing Center, the Pennsylvania Transportation Institute (PTI), has entered into a cooperative agreement with FTA. PTI operates and maintains the Center, and establishes and collects fees for the testing of the vehicles at the facility. Upon completion of the testing of the vehicle at the Center, a test report is provided to the manufacturer of the new bus model. The bus manufacturer certifies to an FTA grantee that the bus the grantee is purchasing has been tested at the Center. Also, grantees about to purchase a bus use this report to assist them in making their purchasing decisions. PTI maintains a reference file for all the test reports which are made available to the public.

*Respondents:* Bus manufacturers.

*Estimated Annual Burden on*

*Respondents:* 30 testing determinations @ 3 hours each; 18 tests @ 3 hours each; and 520 requirements @ 0.5 hours each.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 404 hours.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Title:* 49 U.S.C. Section 5312(a) Transit Research, Development, Demonstration and Deployment Projects  
*OMB Control No.:* 2132-0546

*Background:* 49 U.S.C. 5312(a) authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to make grants or contracts for research, development, demonstration and deployment projects, and evaluation of technology of national significance to public transportation, that the Secretary determines will improve mass transportation service or help transportation service meet the total urban transportation needs at a minimum cost. In carrying out the provisions of this section, the Secretary is also authorized to request and receive

appropriate information from any source.

The information collected is submitted as part of the application for grants and cooperative agreements and is used to determine eligibility of applicants. Collection of this information also provides documentation that the applicants and recipients are meeting program objectives and are complying with FTA Circular 6100.1B and other federal requirements.

*Respondents:* FTA grants recipients.

*Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents:* 56 hours for each of the 200 respondents.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 11,240 hours.

*Frequency:* Annual.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for FTA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for FTA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: June 15, 2006.

**Ann Linnertz,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34881]

#### Union Pacific Railroad Company— Trackage Rights Exemption—BNSF Railway Company

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) over BNSF's line of railroad between "Bullfrog Junction" Near BNSF's Puyalloy River Bridge 8.78 and the point of connection with BNSF's Seattle Division main line at River Street Interlocking, BNSF Milepost 38.94X, in Tacoma, WA, a distance of approximately 0.6 miles.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after June 7, 2006, the effective date of the exemption.<sup>1</sup>

The purpose of the trackage rights is to create an additional overhead routing for UP trains in the Tacoma area.

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 it 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 all not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34881, 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: Robert T. Opal, General Commerce Counsel, 1400 Douglas Street, STOP 1580, Omaha, NE 68179.

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

Decided: June 12, 2006

**Vernon a. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1188X)]

#### Consolidated Rail Corporation— Abandonment Exemption—in Wayne County, MI

Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 4.3 miles of two contiguous lines of railroad as follows: (1) the Detroit Terminal West Industrial Track, between approximately milepost 7.70± near Joseph Campau Street and

<sup>1</sup> A decision served on June 6, 2006, denied a petition to stay the operation of the notice of exemption filed by John D. Fitzgerald, for and on behalf of the United Transportation Union-General Committee of Adjustment. Dennis R. Pierce filed a letter on June 5, 2006, on behalf of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainman-General Committee of Adjustment in support of the stay request filed by Mr. Fitzgerald.

approximately milepost 10.30± near Woodrow Wilson Street; and (2) the Highland Park Industrial Track, between approximately milepost 7.40± near Woodrow Wilson Street and approximately milepost 5.70± near Cloverdale Street, in Detroit and Highland Park, Wayne County, MI.<sup>1</sup> The lines traverse United States Postal Service Zip Codes 48212, 48203, and 48238.

Conrail has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements of 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on July 20, 2006, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>2</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>3</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49

<sup>1</sup> Milepost 10.30 on the Detroit Terminal West Industrial Track is the same as milepost 7.40 on the Highland Park Industrial Track.

<sup>2</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>3</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee which as of April 19, 2006, is set at \$1,300. See *Regulations Governing Fees for Service Performed in Connection With Licensing and Related Services—2006 Update*, STB Ex Parte No. 542 (Sub-No. 13) (STB served Mar. 20, 2006). See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).