

1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee 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 August 4, 2006, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by July 17, 2006. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by July 25, 2006, with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to BNSF's representative: Sidney L. Strickland, Jr., Sidney Strickland and Associates, PLLC, 3050 K Street, NW., Suite 101, Washington, DC 20007.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

BNSF has filed a combined environmental report and historic report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by July 10, 2006. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1539. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days

<sup>1</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>2</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which was increased to \$1,300 effective on April 19, 2006. See *Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection with Licensing and Related Services—2006 Update*, STB Ex Parte No. 542 (Sub-No. 13) (STB served Mar. 20, 2006).

after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), BNSF shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by BNSF's filing of a notice of consummation by July 5, 2007, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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

Decided: June 27, 2006.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (the "Fund") within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Fund's Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance Programs of the Fund's Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 5, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments to Margaret Nilson, CDFI Programs Manager, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South,

Washington, DC 20005, Facsimile Number (202) 622-7754.

A draft of the information collection for the FA/TA Application may be obtained from the Fund's Web site at <http://www.cdfifund.gov>. Requests for additional information should be directed to Margaret Nilson, CDFI Program Manager, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005, or call (202) 622-8662.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund—Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance Application.

**OMB Number:** 1559-0021 (FA).

**OMB Number:** 1559-0022 (TA).

**Abstract:** The purpose of the Fund's CDFI Program is to promote economic revitalization and community development through investment in and assistance to certified CDFIs. Through the CDFI Program, the Fund provides financial and technical assistance in the form of grants, loans, equity investments, and deposits to competitively selected CDFIs and entities proposing to become CDFIs. The Fund provides such assistance to CDFIs to enhance their capacity to address the community development and capital access needs of their particular target markets, including Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities. On February 13, 2006, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (the Fund) closed the FY 2006 round of the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program combining the Financial Assistance (FA) and Technical Assistance (TA) Components. Subsequent to the closing of this round, the Fund re-evaluated all CDFI Program Application materials, made some enhancements and expects to make more enhancements to the Application in the interests of reducing the collection burden for Applicants, clarifying certain questions, and improving the Fund's ability to evaluate Applications. Overall, the Fund reduced the number of questions in the Application from 56 in 2005 to 30 in 2006 and reduced the number of tables from 25 to eight.

**Type of Review:** Revision.

**Affected Public:** Not-for-profit institutions, businesses or other for-profit institutions and tribal entities.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 200.

**Estimated Annual Time per Respondent:** 40.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

Hours: 8,000 hours.

*Requests for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Fund, including whether the

information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Fund's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and

purchase of services to provide information.

**Authority:** 12 U.S.C. 4703, 4703 note, 4707, 4710, 4714, 4717; 31 U.S.C. 321; and 12 CFR part 1805.

Dated: June 22, 2006.

**Arthur A. Garcia,**

*Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.*

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