

*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 October 28, 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 October 10, 2006. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by October 18, 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 environmental and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by October 3, 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 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.

<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 currently is set at \$1,300. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

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 notice of consummation by September 28, 2007, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: September 21, 2006.

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 Docket No. AB-868 (Sub-No. 1X); STB Docket No. AB-869 (Sub-No. 1X)]

#### **Mississippi Tennessee Holdings, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Hardeman County, TN and Tippah and Union Counties, MS; Mississippi Tennessee Railroad, LLC—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Hardeman County, TN and Tippah and Union Counties, MS**

Mississippi Tennessee Holdings, LLC (MTH) and Mississippi Tennessee Railroad, LLC (MTRR) (collectively, applicants), have jointly filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* for MTH to abandon, and for MTRR to discontinue service over: (1) An approximately 19.4-mile line of railroad between milepost 367.5, which is located approximately 25 feet north of the centerline of Thryson Krump plant entry road in Middleton, Hardeman County, TN, and milepost 348.1, which is located approximately 1,663 feet north of the centerline of Industrial Park Road at the northern end of Ripley, Tippah County, MS; and (2) an approximately 1.36-mile line of railroad between milepost 325.56, which is located approximately 25 feet north of the BNSF Railway Company diamond in New Albany, Union County, MS, and milepost 324.2, which is located approximately one-quarter of a mile south of Interstate Highway 78 in Union County, MS, a total distance of 20.76 miles. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 38052, 38652 and 38663.

Applicants have certified that: (1) No traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line 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 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 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.

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A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicants' representative: Thomas F. McFarland, Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., 208 South LaSalle St., Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604-1112.

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<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).

Applicants have filed environmental and historic reports which address the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by October 3, 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 after the EA becomes available to the public.

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Decided: September 22, 2006.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

**AGENCY:** Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of alterations to a Privacy Act System of Records.

**SUMMARY:** The Treasury Department gives notice of the proposed alterations to the system of records entitled, "Treasury .001—Treasury Personnel and Payroll System," which is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by October 30, 2006. The proposed altered system of records will become effective November 7, 2006 unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to: Director, HR Connect Program Office, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave., 13th fl., NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynn Eddy, HR Connect Program Office, (202) 622-1520.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The HR Connect Program Office (HRCPO) whose mission is to improve human resources systems and service delivery to Treasury and other Federal Government agencies and organizations through the application of innovative enterprise-wide technology. The Departmental and bureau partnership formed to implement the system will aid Treasury and other Federal Government agencies and organizations to meet their primary business needs for an integrated human resources system (HRS) that will increase the timeliness and accuracy of personnel data, assist in streamlining personnel processes and enable users to directly and easily access and enter HR information in a secure environment.

The HR Connect system has been approved by the Office of Personnel Management to provide human resource services to a limited number of non-Treasury Federal departments and agencies. In support of the e-gov initiative for human resources and the President's Management Agenda (PMA) the HR Connect Program has recently submitted its proposal to the Office of Personnel Management to become an official HR line of business for all Federal departments and agencies whose payrolls are processed by the Department of Agriculture National Finance Center (NFC). Under this new Federal strategy there will be only four Federal providers that will service the Federal workforce.

To meet the requirements of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12), the "Categories of records" is being revised. The revision is to clarify that "employee identification data" includes evidence that an applicant or new employee presented acceptable documentation to establish their identity, as shown on the Form I-9.

The notice is, also revising information under "Categories of individuals covered by the system", "Categories of records in the system", "Authority for maintenance of the system", "Purposes", "Retrievability", "System Manager(s)", and "Notification Procedure." The notice also adds a new routine use permitting the disclosure of records for the purpose of providing human resource services to other Federal agencies under cross servicing agreements.

The notice for the system of records was last published in its entirety on August 1, 2005, at 70 FR 44178.

The altered system of records report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act, has been submitted to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Office of Management and Budget, pursuant to Appendix I to OMB Circular A-130, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals," dated November 30, 2000.

The proposed alterations to "Treasury .001—Treasury Personnel and Payroll System—Treasury" are set forth below.

Dated: September 21, 2006.

**Sandra L. Pack,**

*Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer.*

#### TREASURY .001

##### SYSTEM NAME:

Treasury Personnel and Payroll System—Treasury.

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##### CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

*Description of the change:* Remove the current entry and in its place add the following:

"(1) Employees, former employees, and applicants for employment, in all Treasury Department bureaus and offices, except the Office of Thrift Supervision. (2) Employees, former employees, and applicants for employment of Federal agencies for which the Treasury Department is a cross-services provider."

##### CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

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*Description of the change:* Categories (1) and (2) are revised to read as follows:

"(1) Employee identification and status data such as name, records that establish an individual's identity, social security number, date of birth, sex, race and national origin designator, awards received, suggestions, work schedule, type of appointment, education, training courses attended, veterans preference, and military service; (2) employment data such as service computation for leave, date probationary period began, date of performance rating, performance contract, and date of within-grade increases;" \* \* \*

##### AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

*Description of the change:* Remove the current entry and in its place add:

"5 U.S.C. 301; 31 U.S.C. 321; Homeland Security Presidential