

The petitioner's vehicle was manufactured on June 8, 1999 using the revised steel tie rod ends and therefore was already equipped with the tie rod ends used to remedy defective vehicles in the subject recalls. Analysis indicates that there does not appear to be a safety-related defect trend with respect to the steel tie rod ends used in the subject vehicles.

In view of the foregoing, it is unlikely that NHTSA would issue an order for the notification and remedy of the alleged defect as defined by the petitioner at the conclusion of the investigation requested in the petition. Therefore, in view of the need to allocate and prioritize NHTSA's limited resources to best accomplish the agency's safety mission, the petition is denied.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30162(d); delegations of authority at CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

Issued on: December 1, 2005.

Daniel Smith,

Associate Administrator for Enforcement.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 229X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Ellis County, TX

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 4.57-mile line of railroad known as the Waxahachie Industrial Lead extending from milepost 798.03, near Waxahachie, to milepost 802.60, near Nena, in Ellis County, TX. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 75165.¹

UP has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line; (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

¹ Pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(2), the railroad must file a verified notice with the Board at least 50 days before the abandonment or discontinuance is to be consummated. The applicant initially indicated a proposed consummation date of January 5, 2006, but because the verified notice was filed on November 17, 2005, consummation may not take place prior to January 6, 2006. By facsimile received on November 28, 2005, applicant's representative confirmed that the proposed consummation date will be on or after January 6, 2006.

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 at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 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.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on January 6, 2006, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),³ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by December 16, 2005. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by December 27, 2005, 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 UP's representative: Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920, Chicago, IL 60606.

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

UP has 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 December 12, 2005. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by

² 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.

³ Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,200. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

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.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), UP 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 UP's filing of a notice of consummation by December 7, 2006, 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: November 30, 2005.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed New Privacy Act System of Records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, gives notice of a proposed new system of records entitled "Treasury/IRS 50.222—Tax Exempt/Government Entities (TE/GE) Case Management Records."

DATES: Comments must be received no later than January 6, 2006. This new system of records will be effective January 17, 2006 unless the IRS receives comments which would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Office of Governmental Liaison and Disclosure, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224. Comments will be available for inspection and copying

in the Freedom of Information Reading Room (1621), at the above address. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 622-5164.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Telephonic inquiries should be directed to Marianne Davis, Program Analyst, Internal Revenue Service, TE/GE Division, at telephone number (949) 389-4304. Written inquiries should be directed to Robert Brenneman, TE/GE Reporting and Electronic Examination System (TREES) Project Manager, at Internal Revenue Service, TE/GE Business Systems Planning (SE:T:BSP), 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Attn: PE-6M4, Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed system will allow the IRS to better serve the public by enhancing the ability of the Tax Exempt/Government Entities Division (TE/GE) to better manage its program responsibilities, including the allocation of resources and the assignment and review of workload. It will contain data relating to the compliance activities within the TE/GE Business Operating Division. Records covered under this system emanate from investigatory actions relating to individuals and other taxpayers involving money laundering, statutory compliance violations, and other areas of non-compliance.

This system of records will maintain information about individuals that reflect TE/GE's methods of investigating exempt organizations, retirement plans, and government entities with regard to their compliance with statutory Federal requirements and/or their tax exempt status. In addition, this system contains identifying information regarding informants who have provided information that is significant and relevant to TE/GE investigations of taxpayers.

A proposed rule to exempt this system of records from provisions of the Privacy Act pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) will be published separately in the **Federal Register**.

The new 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 Treasury/IRS 50.222—Tax Exempt/Government Entities (TE/

GE) Case Management Records, is published in its entirety below.

Dated: November 18, 2005.

Sandra L. Pack,

Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer.

Treasury/IRS 50.222

SYSTEM NAME:

Tax Exempt/Government Entities (TE/GE) Case Management Records.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Office of the Commissioner, Tax Exempt/Government Entities Division (TE/GE), National Office, Area Offices, Local Offices, Service Campuses, and Computing Centers. (See IRS Appendix A for addresses of IRS offices.)

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals who are the subject of or are connected to TE/GE examinations and tax determinations, including compliance projects, regarding Federal tax exemption requirements, employee plan requirements, and employment tax requirements.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

These records include case identification, assignment, and status information from TE/GE examination and tax determination files, information about individuals pertaining to TE/GE's methods of investigating exempt organizations, retirement plans, and government entities with regard to their compliance with statutory Federal requirements and/or their tax exempt status. In addition, this system contains identifying information regarding informants who have provided information that is significant and relevant to TE/GE investigations of taxpayers.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 301; 26 U.S.C. 7801.

PURPOSE(S):

This system will provide TE/GE records for case management, including employee assignments and file tracking. TE/GE maintains records on businesses, organizations, employee plans, government entities, and Indian Tribal Government entities and individuals, such as principals and officers, connected with these entities. Records in this system are used for law enforcement investigations and may contain identifying information about informants who have provided significant information relevant to investigations of taxpayers.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Disclosure of return and return information may be made only as provided by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Paper and electronic.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Data is retrieved by taxpayer name, Taxpayer Identification Number (either Social Security Number or Employer Identification Number), or by IRS employee name or identification number for the employee who is assigned the case, project, or determination.

SAFEGUARDS:

Only persons authorized by law will have access to these records. Security standards will not be less than those published in IRM 2.1.10, Automated Information Systems Security Handbook, and IRM 1.16.2, Manager's Security Handbook.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are maintained in accordance with Records Management and Disposition policy, IRM 1.15. The Records Control Schedule for TE/GE is published in IRM 1.15.24, and the disposition guidance is located in 1.15.3.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Commissioner, TE/GE, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

This system may not be accessed for purposes of determining whether the system contains a record pertaining to a particular individual. The records are exempt under 5 USC 552a(k)(2) from the notification provisions of the Privacy Act.

RECORDS ACCESS PROCEDURES:

This system may not be accessed to inspect or contest the content of records. The records are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) from the access provisions of the Privacy Act.

CONTESTING RECORDS PROCEDURES:

26 U.S.C. 7852(e) prohibits Privacy Act amendment of tax records.

RECORDS SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information is obtained from tax returns, application returns and supporting material, determination files,

examination files, compliance review files, compliance programs and projects, and IRS personnel records.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

This system has been designated as exempt from sections (c)(3), (d)(1)–(4), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G)–(I), and (f) of the Privacy Act, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2). (See 31 CFR 1.36.)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of the Public Debt

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 Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Application for Relief on Account of Loss, Theft, or Destruction of United States Savings and Retirement Securities and Supplemental Statement Concerning United States Securities.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 6, 2006, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Vicki S. Thorpe, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106–1328, or Vicki.Thorpe@bpd.treas.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Vicki S. Thorpe, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106–1328, (304) 480–8150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles: Application For Relief on Account of Loss, Theft or Destruction of United States Savings and Retirement Securities and Supplemental Statement Concerning United States Securities.

OMB Number: 1535–0013.

Form Numbers: PD F 1048 and PD F 2243.

Abstract: The information is requested to issue owners substitute

securities or payment in lieu of lost, stolen or destroyed securities.

Current Actions: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 80,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 26,400.

Request 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 agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency'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 automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: December 1, 2005.

Vicki S. Thorpe,

Manager, Graphics, Printing, and Records Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of the Public Debt

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 Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Description of United States Savings Bonds/Notes and

Description of United States Savings Bonds Series HH/H.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 6, 2006, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Vicki S. Thorpe, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106–1328, or Vicki.Thorpe@bpd.treas.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Vicki S. Thorpe, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106–1328, (304) 480–8150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles: Description of United States Savings Bonds/Notes and Description of United States Savings Bonds Series HH/H.

OMB Number: 1535–0064.

Form Numbers: PD F 1980 and PD F 2490.

Abstract: The information is requested to establish the owner of savings bonds.

Current Actions: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 24,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 6 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,400.

Request 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 agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency'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 automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: December 1, 2005.

Vicki S. Thorpe,

Manager, Graphics, Printing and Records Branch.

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