

Transportation, Inc.—Petition for Declaratory Order.

STB Finance Docket No. 34391, *New England Transrail, LLC, d/b/a Wilmington and Woburn Terminal Railroad Co.—Construction, Acquisition, and Operation Exemption—in Wilmington and Woburn, MA.*

STB Finance Docket No. 34509, *Kaw River Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—The Kansas City Southern Railway Company.*

STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 631X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Summit County, OH.*

Embraced Case: STB Docket No. 42086, *Terminal Warehouse, Inc. v. CSX Transportation, Inc.*

STB Docket No. 42057, *Public Service Company of Colorado d/b/a Xcel Energy v. BNSF Railway Company.*

STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 132X), *Union Pacific Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Rio Grande and Mineral Counties, CO.*

STB Finance Docket No. 34376, *City of Creede, CO—Petition for Declaratory Order.*

STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 168X), *Norfolk and Western Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—Between Kokomo and Rochester in Howard, Miami, and Fulton Counties, IN.*

STB Finance Docket No. 34609, *State of Washington, Department of Transportation—Acquisition Exemption—Palouse River and Coulee City Railroad, Inc.*

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: A. Dennis Watson, Office of Congressional and Public Services, Telephone: (202) 565-1596 FIRS: 1-800-877-8339.

Dated: April 26, 2005.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-933X]

Dakota, Missouri Valley & Western Railroad, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Burleigh and Emmons Counties, ND

Dakota, Missouri Valley & Western Railroad, Inc. (DMVW) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments to*

abandon an approximately 32.3-mile portion of the McKenzie-Linton Line between milepost 13.0, a point south of Moffitt, Burleigh County, ND, and milepost 45.3, in Linton, Emmons County, ND.¹ The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 58524, 58544, 58552 and 58560.

DMVW 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 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 May 31, 2005, 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 May 9, 2005. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR

¹ DMVW acquired by purchase, a permanent and exclusive rail service easement over the line from The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, now BNSF Railway Company. See *Dakota, Missouri Valley & Western Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—A Line of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 33639 (STB served Sept. 1, 1998).

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).

1152.28 must be filed by May 19, 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 DMVW's representative: Janie Sheng, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham LLP, 1800 Massachusetts Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20036.

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

DMVW has filed an environmental 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 May 6, 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 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), DMVW 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 DMVW's filing of a notice of consummation by April 29, 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: April 22, 2005.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs

Survey of Foreign Ownership of U.S. Securities

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of reporting requirements.

SUMMARY: By this Notice, the Department of the Treasury is informing the public that it is conducting a mandatory survey of foreign ownership of U.S. securities as of June 30, 2005. This Notice constitutes legal notification to all United States persons (defined below) who meet the reporting requirements set forth in this Notice that they must respond to, and comply with, this survey. Additional copies of the reporting forms SHLA (2005) and instructions may be printed from the Internet at: <http://www.treas.gov/tic/forms.htm>.

Definition: A U.S. person is any individual, branch, partnership, associated group, association, estate, trust, corporation, or other organization (whether or not organized under the laws of any State), and any government (including a foreign government, the United States Government, a state, provincial, or local government, and any agency, corporation, financial institution, or other entity or instrumentality thereof, including a government-sponsored agency), who resides in the United States or is subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

Who Must Report: The panel for this survey is based upon the level of foreign holdings of U.S. securities reported on the June 2004 benchmark survey of foreign holdings of U.S. securities, and will consist of the largest reporters on that survey. Entities required to report will be contacted individually by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Entities not contacted by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York have no reporting responsibilities.

What To Report: This report will collect information on foreign resident holdings of U.S. securities, including equities, short-term debt securities (including selected money market instruments), and long-term debt securities.

How To Report: Copies of the survey forms and instructions, which contain complete information on reporting procedures and definitions, can be obtained by contacting the survey staff of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at (212) 720-6300, e-mail: SHLA.help@ny.frb.org. The mailing address is: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Statistics Function, 4th Floor, 33 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10045-0001. Inquiries can also be made to Mr. William L. Griever, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, at (202) 452-2924, e-mail: william.l.griever@frb.gov; or to Dwight Wolkow at (202) 622-1276, e-mail: wolkowd@do.treas.gov.

When To Report: Data should be submitted to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, acting as fiscal agent for the Department of the Treasury, by August 31, 2005.

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice: This data collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act and assigned control number 1505-0123. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by OMB. The estimated average annual burden associated with this collection of information is 486 hours per report for the largest custodians of securities, and 110 hours per report for the largest issuers of securities that have data to report and are not custodians. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and suggestions for reducing this burden should be directed to the Department of the Treasury, Attention Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Reporting Systems, Room 4410@1440NYA, Washington, DC 20220, and to OMB, Attention Desk Officer for the Department of the Treasury, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503.

Dwight Wolkow,

Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Reporting Systems.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0556]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information used by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This

notice solicits comments on information needed to record patient's specific instructions about health care decisions in the event he or she no longer has decision-making capability.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 28, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: ann.bickoff@hq.med.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0556" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Bickoff at (202) 273-8310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: VA Advance Directive: Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, VA Form 10-0137.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0556.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Claimants admitted to a VA medical facility complete VA Form 10-0137 to appoint a health care agent to make decision about his or her medical treatment and to record specific instructions about their treatment preferences in the event they no longer can express their preferred treatment. VA's health care professionals use the data to carry out the claimant's wish.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 106,772 hours.