

Passenger Travel Program Manager, BTS, RITA, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Ferry Database.

Background: The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) (Pub. L. 105-178), section 1207(c), directed the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study of ferry transportation in the United States and its possessions. In 2000, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Intermodal and Statewide Planning conducted a survey of approximately 250 ferry operators to identify: (1) Existing ferry operations including the location and routes served; (2) source and amount, if any, of funds derived from Federal, State, or local governments supporting ferry construction or operations; (3) potential domestic ferry routes in the United States and its possessions and to develop information on those routes; and (4) potential for use of high speed ferry services and alternative-fueled ferry services. The Safe, Accountable, Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU; H.R. 3, Section 1801(e)) requires that the Secretary, acting through the BTS, shall establish and maintain a national ferry database containing current information regarding routes, vessels, passengers and vehicles carried, funding sources and such other information as the Secretary considers useful.

The new data collection will rely on a written survey and telephone follow-up. An electronic version of the questionnaire will also be available to respondents on request. Data will be collected from the entire population of ferry operators (estimate 300 or less). Before the survey begins, the Passenger Vessel Association will mail letters to its respective members advising them of the purpose of the survey and encouraging their participation. The survey will request the respondents to provide information such as: (1) The points served; (2) the amount and source of Federal, State, and/or local funds used in the past 24 months; (3) the type of ownership; (4) the number of passengers and vehicles carried in the past 12 months; (5) any new routes expected to be added within the next five years; and (6) the highways that are connected by the ferries.

Respondents: The target population for the survey will be all of the

approximately 300 operators of existing ferry services in the United States.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: The burden per respondent is estimated to be an average of 20 minutes. This average is based on an estimate of 10 minutes to answer new questions and an additional 5-15 minutes to review (and revise as needed) previously submitted data.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The total annual burden is estimated to be 100 hours (that is 20 minutes per respondent for 300 respondents equals 6,000 minutes or 100 hours).

Frequency: This survey will be updated every other year.

Public Comments Invited: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including, but not limited to: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the DOT; (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's clearance of this information collection.

Authority: The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, (Pub. L. 105-178), section 1207(c) and H.R. 3, The Safe, Accountable, Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) 2005 and 49 CFR 1.46.

Issued in Washington, DC on the 24th day of August, 2005.

Mary Hutzler,

Associate Director, Office of Statistical Programs, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Research and Innovative Technology Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP on behalf Canadian Pacific Railway Company (WB471-9—August 8, 2005) for permission to use certain data from the Board's Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of the request may be obtained from the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these

requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

Contact: Mac Frampton, (202) 565-1541.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Michael Behe representing USRail.desktop (WB604-3-7/8/05) for permission to use certain data from the Board's 1984-1998 and 2004 Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of this request may be obtained from the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

Contact: Mac Frampton, (202) 565-1541.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34714]

Arkansas Midland Railroad Company, Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Arkansas Midland Railroad Company, Inc. (AKMD),¹ a Class III rail carrier, has

¹ AKMD is a wholly owned subsidiary of Pinsky Railroad Company, a noncarrier holding company which also controls four other Class III rail carriers in Florida and Massachusetts. See *Pinsky Railroad Company—Continuance in Control Exemption—Arkansas Midland Railroad Company Inc.*, Finance Docket No. 32001 (ICC served Mar. 6, 1992).

filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41, *et seq.*, to lease from Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), and operate, UP's: (1) Cypress Bend Industrial Lead, between milepost 407.5 at McGehee, AR, and milepost 399.7 at Cypress Bend, AR; and (2) Potlatch Spur, between milepost 0.0 (milepost 399.7 on the Cypress Bend Industrial Lead), and approximately milepost 3.4 at the connection with the industrial trackage of Potlatch Corporation's Cypress Bend Mill, near Arkansas City, AR (Cypress Bend Line), a total distance of approximately 11.2 miles.

AKMD will also lease the yard at the east end of the Potlatch Spur and, except for yard tracks 001 and 002, the remainder of McGehee Yard that it does not already lease. Further, AKMD will obtain restated incidental bridge trackage rights over UP's rail line between milepost 406.5 at McGehee and milepost 415.26 at Dermott, AR, to allow the movement of through traffic between the Cypress Bend Line/McGehee Yard and the Warren Line (a UP line between Dermott, AR, that AKMD leased in 2004), a distance of approximately 8.76 miles.²

AKMD certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier. Because AKMD's projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million, AKMD has certified to the Board on June 9, 2005, that the required notice of the transaction was posted at the workplace of the employees on the affected line on June 3, 2005, and was sent to the national offices of the labor unions representing employees on the line. *See* 49 CFR 1150.42(e).

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after August 8, 2005.

If the verified notice 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 will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34714, 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 William C. Sippel, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606-2832.

² AKMD indicates that it expects to execute an agreement shortly with UP to provide for AKMD's lease of the Cypress Bend Line.

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Decided: August 22, 2005.

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-290 (Sub-No. 264X)]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Sumter County, SC

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* to discontinue service over a 9.8-mile rail line between milepost SB-12.20 at Foxville and milepost SB-22.00 at Hasskamp, in Sumter County, SC.¹ The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 29150, 29153 and 29514.

NSR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years and that overhead traffic, if there were any, could 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 (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 1105.12 (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 discontinuance 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

¹ On August 18, 2005, NSR informed the Board that milepost SB-22.20 stated in its notice, should be milepost 22.00.

September 29, 2005,² unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2), must be filed by September 9, 2005. Petitions to reopen must be filed by September 19, 2005, with: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to NSR's representative: James R. Paschall, General Attorney, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510.

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

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Decided: August 23, 2005.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Public Meeting of the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform

AGENCY: Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice advises all interested persons of the location of the September 8, 2005, public meeting of the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform. This meeting was previously announced in 70 FR 49704 (August 24, 2005).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2005, in Washington, DC, and will begin at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Wardman Park Marriott Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, NW., Washington, DC 20008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Panel staff at (202) 927-2TAX (927-2829) (not a toll-free call) or e-mail info@taxreformpanel.gov (please do not send comments to this box). Additional information is available at <http://www.taxreformpanel.gov>.

² Because this is a discontinuance of service proceeding and not an abandonment, there is no need to provide an opportunity for trail use/rail banking or public use condition requests. Likewise, no environmental or historic documentation is required under 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(6) and 1105.8.