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This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Dated: March 26, 2003.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34293]

Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company-Acquisition and Operation Exemption-Line of Norfolk Southern Railway Company and Pennsylvania Lines LLC

Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company (Metro-North),¹ a noncarrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire through a sublease from Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) and operate a rail line owned by Pennsylvania Lines LLC (PRR) and leased and operated by NSR: (1) Between approximately milepost JS-31.3 at Suffern, NY, and approximately milepost JS-76.6 at CP-Howells, NY; and (2) between approximately milepost SR-68.7 (equals JS-76.6) at CP-Howells, NY, and approximately milepost SR-89.9 at Port Jervis, NY.² The total distance of the line is approximately 66.5 miles and it traverses Orange and Rockland Counties, NY.³

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on February 28, 2003.

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

¹ Metro-North, a subsidiary of Metropolitan Transportation Authority, provides mass transportation for commuters in the States of New York and Connecticut. It has been providing passenger service over the line since 1983 pursuant to a trackage rights agreement. That agreement will be replaced by a new sublease and operations agreement, pursuant to which Metro-North will continue to conduct passenger operations and NSR will continue to conduct freight operations on the line.

² The line is a continuous line of railroad between Suffern and Port Jervis, that is sometimes referred to as the Port Jervis Line.

³ On March 5, 2003, Metro-North filed a motion to dismiss its notice of exemption in this case to obtain a jurisdictional determination regarding its prospective common carrier status with respect to the line. That motion will be addressed in a subsequent decision.

proceeding 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. 34293, 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 Kevin M. Sheys, Esq., Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, 1800 Massachusetts Ave., NW., 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1800.

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Decided: March 11, 2003.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of International Investment; 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 Office of International Investment within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the information collection provisions of the Regulations Pertaining to Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeovers by Foreign Persons, 31 CFR 800.402.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 30, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to Gay Sills, Director, Office of International Investment, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., 4201NY, Washington, DC. 20220 (Tel.: (202) 622-1860).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Dempsey, Economist (Tel.: (202) 622-1860), Office of International Investment, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.,

Washington, DC 20220; Francine McNulty Barber, Senior Counsel, Department of the Treasury, Room 2010, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20220, ((202) 622-1947).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulations Pertaining to Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeovers by Foreign Persons.

OMB Number: 1505-0121.

Abstract: The information request in this proposed collection is contained in section 800.402. The information collected under these regulations is used by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), an inter-agency committee chaired by the Secretary of the Treasury and comprised of the Secretaries of State, Defense, Treasury and Commerce, the Attorney General, the U.S. Trade Representative, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, and the Assistants to the President for National Security, National Economic Policy, and Science and Technology. The President has delegated to CFIUS the President's authority under section 721 of the Defense Production Act to determine the effects on the national security of acquisitions proposed or pending after the date of enactment (August 23, 1988) by or with foreign persons that could result in foreign control of persons engaged in interstate commerce in the United States.

Current Actions: Extension.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Foreign businesses and foreign individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses: 60.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: This varies, depending on individual circumstances, with an average of 60 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3600 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 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