

including any personal information provided.

**Privacy Act Statement:** Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received for any of our dockets. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities:** For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, please contact Cheryl Whetsel at (202) 366-4431 by April 18, 2007.

## II. Committee Background

The TPSSC and the THLPSSC are statutorily mandated advisory committees that advise PHMSA on proposed safety standards for gas and hazardous liquid pipelines. The TPSSC and the THLPSSC are established under section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1) and the pipeline safety law (49 U.S.C. Chap. 601). Each committee consists of 15 members—five each representing government, industry, and the public.

The pipeline safety law requires PHMSA to seek the TPSSC's or the THLPSSC's advice on the reasonableness, cost-effectiveness, and practicability of each proposed pipeline safety standard. The pipeline safety law also requires PHMSA to submit the cost-benefit analysis and risk assessment information associated with the proposed standard to the appropriate committee. The committees evaluate the merits of the data and, when appropriate, provide recommendations on the adequacy of the analyses.

## III. Preliminary Meeting Schedule

On Wednesday, April 25, the THLPSSC will discuss and vote on a proposal to extend pipeline safety regulations to the unregulated hazardous liquid gathering lines and low-stress pipelines and, if available, on a supplemental proposal PHMSA is developing. The THLPSSC discussed the proposal and potential changes needed to address the requirements of the Pipeline Integrity, Protection, Enforcement and Safety Act of 2006 (PIPES Act) at its last meeting on February 12, 2007. The committees will meet in joint session following conclusion of the THLPSSC meeting. Committees will discuss PHMSA's strategic plan and how PHMSA is including PIPES Act direction in moving forward on initiatives underway. Among the topics discussed

will be underground damage prevention, including civil penalty enforcement authority; status of compliance with public awareness requirements; and development of criteria for community grants.

On Thursday, April 26, PHMSA will conduct a public meeting to discuss how to handle anticipated requests for variance from the seven-year reassessment interval required as part of a gas transmission integrity management program. The method under consideration is the use of PHMSA's authority to grant special permits allowing variance from regulatory requirements. Following conclusion of the public meeting, the TPSSC will discuss and vote on a proposal to relax regulatory requirements governing public awareness programs conducted by operators of master meter systems and certain operators of petroleum gas systems.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 60102, 60115.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 19, 2007.

**Jeffrey D. Wiese,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

[FR Doc. E7-5407 Filed 3-22-07; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4910-60-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub-No. 5) (2007-2)]

#### Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

**SUMMARY:** The Board has approved the second quarter 2007 rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. The second quarter 2007 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.147. The second quarter 2007 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.537. The second quarter 2007 RCAF-5 is 0.511.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* April 1, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mac Frampton, (202) 245-0317. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Additional information is contained in the Board's decision, which is available on our Web site <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, e-mail or call the Board's contractor, ASAP Document Solutions;

9332 Annapolis Rd., Suite 103, Lanham, MD 20706; e-mail [asqpd@verizon.net](mailto:asqpd@verizon.net); phone (202) 306-4004. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS: 1-800-877-8339.]

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

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Decided: March 16, 2007.

By the Board, Chairman Nottingham, Vice Chairman Buttrey and Commissioner Mulvey.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

[FR Doc. E7-5338 Filed 3-22-07; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4915-01-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-1006X]

#### New York & Greenwood Lake Railway—Abandonment Exemption—in Passaic, Passaic County, NJ

New York & Greenwood Lake Railway (NYGL) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152, subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon an approximately .7-mile line of railroad between milepost 1.1, near the intersection of South and Fourth Streets, and the end of the line at milepost 1.8, near the intersection of Canal and Monroe Streets, in Passaic, Passaic County, NJ.

NYGL has certified that: (1) No local or overhead traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) 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 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 April 24, 2007, unless stayed pending reconsideration.<sup>1</sup> Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>2</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>3</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by April 2, 2007. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by April 12, 2007, with: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to NYGL's representative: Fritz R. Kahn, Fritz R. Kahn, P.C., 1920 N Street, NW. (8th fl.), Washington, DC 20036-1601.

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

NYGL has filed a combined 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 March 30, 2007. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Suite 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 245-0305. [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.

<sup>1</sup> The earliest this transaction may be consummated is April 24, 2007. NYGL has originally indicated a consummation date of April 20, 2007. NYGL has been informed by a Board staff member that consummation may not place until April 24, 2007.

<sup>2</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>3</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,300. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

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), NYGL 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 NYGL's filing of a notice of consummation by March 23, 2008, 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: March 16, 2007.

By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

[FR Doc. E7-5250 Filed 3-22-07; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4915-01-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 5500 and Schedules

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**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 IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 5500 and Schedules, Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 22, 2007 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland Internal Revenue Service, room 6512, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Larnice Mack at Internal Revenue Service, room 6512, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-

3179, or through the Internet at [Larnice.Mack@irs.gov](mailto:Larnice.Mack@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1610.

*Form Number:* 5500 and Schedules.

*Abstract:* Form 5500 is an annual information return filed by employee benefit plans. The IRS uses this information to determine if the plan appears to be operating properly as required under the law or whether the plan should be audited.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals and households, not-for-profit institutions, and farms.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,139,244.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 3 hours; 47 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 4,412,302.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

*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.