

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 34554 (Sub-No. 6)]

**Union Pacific Railroad Company—
Temporary Trackage Rights
Exemption—BNSF Railway Company**

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), pursuant to a modified written trackage rights agreement entered into between BNSF and Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), has agreed to extend the expiration date of the local trackage rights granted to UP¹ over BNSF's line of railroad extending from BNSF milepost 579.3 near Mill Creek, OK, to BNSF milepost 631.1 near Joe Junction, TX, a distance of approximately 51 miles.²

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on January 28, 2007.

The purpose of this transaction is to modify the temporary trackage rights exempted in STB Finance Docket No. 34554 (Sub-No. 4) to further extend the expiration date to on or before December 31, 2007. The modified trackage rights will permit UP to continue to move loaded and empty ballast trains for use in its maintenance-of-way projects.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the

conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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 effectiveness of the exemption. Stay petitions must be filed by January 19, 2007 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34554 (Sub-No. 6), must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Gabriel S. Meyer, 1400 Douglas Street, STOP 1580, Omaha, NE 68179.

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Decided: January 4, 2007.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 446X)]

**BNSF Railway Company—
Abandonment Exemption—in Beltrami
Country, MN**

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 5.29-mile line of railroad between milepost 90.87 and milepost 95.15, including the 1.01-mile depot spur between milepost 94.78 and milepost 93.77, near Bemidji in Beltrami County, MN. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 56601.

BNSF 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 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 report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 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 February 14, 2007, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by January 22, 2007. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by February 1, 2007 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 BNSF's representative: Sidney L. Strickland, Jr., PLLC, 3050 K Street, NW., Suite 101, Washington, DC 20007.

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

BNSF 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 January 19, 2007. 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

¹ 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.

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

¹ UP submits that the trackage rights being granted here are only temporary rights, but, because they are "local" rather than "overhead" rights, they do not qualify for the Board's class exemption for temporary trackage rights at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8). See *Railroad Consolidation Procedures*, 6 S.T.B. 910 (2003). Therefore, UP and BNSF concurrently have filed a petition for partial revocation of this exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 34554 (Sub-No. 7), *Union Pacific Railroad Company—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—BNSF Railway Company*, wherein UP and BNSF request that the Board permit the proposed local trackage rights arrangement described in the present proceeding to expire on or about December 31, 2007. That petition will be addressed by the Board in a separate decision.

² The original trackage rights granted in *Union Pacific Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 34554 (STB served Oct. 7, 2004), also extended from BNSF milepost 579.3 near Mill Creek, OK, to BNSF milepost 631.1 near Joe Junction, TX. By decisions served on November 24, 2004, in STB Finance Docket No. 34554 (Sub-No. 1), on March 25, 2005, in STB Finance Docket No. 34554 (Sub-No. 3), and on March 23, 2006, in STB Finance Docket No. 34554 (Sub-No. 5), the Board granted exemptions to permit the trackage rights authorized in STB Finance Docket No. 34554 and extended in STB Finance Docket No. 34554 (Sub-No. 2), served on February 11, 2005, and in STB Finance Docket No. 34554 (Sub-No. 4), served on March 3, 2006, to expire. At the time of the last extension, it was anticipated by the parties that the rights would expire on or about December 31, 2006. However, this authority has not yet been exercised.

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), BNSF 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 BNSF's filing of a notice of consummation by January 12, 2008, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: January 4, 2007.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 8, 2006

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 12, 2007 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1559.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Revenue Procedures 98-46 and 97-44, LIFO Conformity Requirement.

Description: This document contains final regulations addressing the carry over of certain attributes, such as

earnings and profits and foreign income tax accounts, when two corporations combine in a corporate reorganization or liquidation that is described in both section 367(b) and section 381 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Respondents: Businesses and other for-profit institutions.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 100,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1130.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Special Loss Discount Account and Special Estimated Tax Payments for Insurance Companies.

Form: 8816.

Description: Form 8816 is used by insurance companies claiming an additional deduction under IRC section 847 to reconcile their special loss discount and special estimated tax payments, and to determine their tax benefit associated with the deduction. The information is needed by the IRS to determine that the proper additional deduction was claimed and to insure the proper amount of special estimated tax was computed and deposited.

Respondents: Businesses and other for-profit institutions.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,983 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1706.

Title: Revenue Procedure 2000-42 Section 1503(d) Closing Agreement Requests.

Type of Review: Extension.

Description: Revenue Procedure 2000-42 informs taxpayers of the information they must submit to request a closing agreement under Reg. S1.1503-2(g)(2)(iv)(B)(2)(i) to prevent the recapture of dual consolidated losses (DCLs) upon the occurrence of certain triggering events.

Respondents: Businesses and other for-profit institutions.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 2,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-0240.

Title: Claim for Refund of Income Tax Return Preparer Penalties.

Form: 6118.

Type of Review: Extension.

Description: Form 6118 is used by preparers to file for a refund of penalties incorrectly charged. The information enables the IRS to process the claim and have the refund issued to the tax return preparer.

Respondents: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 9,300 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1160.

Title: CO-93-90 (Final) Corporations; Consolidated Returns-Special Rules Relating To Dispositions and Deconsolidations of Subsidiary Stock.

Type of Review: Extension.

Description: These regulations prevent elimination of corporate-level tax because of the operation of the consolidated returns investment adjustment rules. Statements are required for dispositions of a subsidiary's stock for which losses are claimed, for basis reductions within 2 years of the stock's deconsolidation, and for elections by the common parent to retain the NOLs of a disposed subsidiary.

Respondents: Businesses and other for-profit institutions.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 6,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1724.

Title: REG-109481-99 (Final) Special Rules Under Section 417(a)(7) for Written Explanations Provided by Qualified Retirement Plans After Annuity Starting Dates.

Type of Review: Extension.

Description: The collection of information requirement in sections 1.417(e)-1(b)(3)(iv)(B) and 1.417(e)-1(b)(3)(v)(A) is required to ensure that a participant and the participant's spouse consent to a form of distribution from a qualified plan that may result in reduced periodic payments.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 12,500 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1450.

Title: FI-59-91 (Final), Debt Instructions With Originals Issue Discount; Contingent Payments; Anti-Abuse Rule.

Type of Review: Extension.

Description: The regulations provide definitions, general rules, and reporting requirements for debt instruments that provide for contingent payments. The regulations also provide definitions, general rules, and recordkeeping requirements for integrated debt instruments.

Respondents: Businesses and other for-profit institutions.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 89,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1451.

Title: REG-248900-96 (Final), Definition of Private Activity Bonds.

Type of Review: Extension.

Form: 8082.

Description: Section 103 provides generally that interest on certain State or local bonds is excluded from gross income. However, under sections 103(b)(1) and 141, interest on private activity bonds (other than qualified bonds) is not excluded. The regulations provide rules, for purposes of section 141, to determine how bond proceeds