

the comment closing date indicated below. To the extent possible, we shall also consider comments filed after the closing date. We shall publish a notice of final action on the application in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Comment closing date: August 18, 2004. (49 U.S.C. 30113; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50. and 501.8).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Issued on: July 14, 2004.

Stephen R. Kratzke,

Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-873X, AB-55 (Sub-No. 652X), AB-565 (Sub-No. 17X)]

New York and Eastern Railway, LLC—Discontinuance Exemption—in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, NY; CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance Exemption—in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, NY; New York Central Lines, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, NY

On June 29, 2004, New York and Eastern Railway, LLC (NY&E), CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), and New York Central Lines, LLC (NYC) (collectively, petitioners) jointly filed with the Surface Transportation Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 for NY&E and CSXT to discontinue service over and for NYC to abandon an approximately 4.7-mile line of railroad between milepost QCO 0.0 and milepost QCO 3.2 and between milepost QCK 29.5 and milepost QCK 31.0, in the City and Town of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, NY.¹ The line traverses U.S. Postal Service ZIP Codes 12601 and 12603, and includes the station of Poughkeepsie.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in NYC's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

In STB Docket No. AB-873X, NY&E proposes to discontinue service over this line, which constitutes its entire operations. When issuing

discontinuance authority for railroad lines that constitute the carrier's entire system, the Board does not impose labor protection, except in specifically enumerated circumstances. *See Northampton and Bath R. Co.—Abandonment*, 354 I.C.C. 784, 785-86 (1978) (*Northampton*). Therefore, if the Board grants the petition for exemption, in the absence of a showing that one or more of the exceptions articulated in *Northampton* are present, no labor protective conditions would be imposed. In STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 652X) and STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 17X), the interests of CSXT and NYC railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment-Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by October 15, 2004.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,100 filing fee. *See* 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than August 9, 2004. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$200 filing fee. *See* 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-873X, *et al.* and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) John D. Heffner, 1920 N Street, NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036. Replies to the petition are due on or before August 9, 2004.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment and discontinuance procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1539. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.)

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA, will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Board decisions and notices are available on the Board's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: July 13, 2004.

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-33 (Sub-No. 214X), AB-853 (Sub-No. 2X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Lane, Ness and Rush Counties, KS; Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad Inc.—Discontinuance Exemption—in Lane, Ness and Rush Counties, KS

On June 29, 2004, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad, Inc. (K&O) jointly filed with the Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903. UP seeks to abandon and K&O seeks to discontinue service over a line of railroad extending from milepost 664.5, near Healy, to milepost 606.0, near McCracken, a distance of 58.5 miles in Lane, Ness and Rush Counties, KS. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service ZIP Codes 67556, 67521, 67572, 67515, 67584, 67839, and 67850 and includes stations located at Shields, Pendennis, Utica, Arnold, Ransom, Osgood and Brownell, KS.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the possession of UP or K&O will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R.Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding

¹ NY&E and CSXT lease the line from NYC.

pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by October 15, 2004.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,100 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than August 9, 2004. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$200 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket Nos. AB-33 (Sub-No. 214X) and AB-853 (Sub-No. 2X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001, (2) Karl Morell, Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005, and (3) Mack H. Shumate, 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920, Chicago, IL 60606. Replies to the petition are due on or before August 9, 2004.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1539. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.)

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by the SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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Decided: July 9, 2004.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; System of Records

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed new Privacy Act system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, gives notice of a proposed new system of records entitled "Treasury/IRS 10.007-SPEC Taxpayer Assistance Reporting System (STARS)."

DATES: Comments must be received no later than August 18, 2004. This new system of records will be effective August 30, 2004, unless the IRS receives comments which would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Office of Governmental Liaison and Disclosure, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224. Comments will be made available for inspection and copying upon request in the Freedom of Information Reading Room (1621), at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A primary IRS goal is to increase our activities with taxpayers and with tax practitioners, stakeholders, and partners involved in assisting taxpayers before they file their returns.

Providing taxpayers increased assistance before returns are filed promotes the elimination of errors before they occur. Reduction of errors will increase taxpayer satisfaction and increase IRS efficiency. As part of an effort to obtain maximum value from limited resources, IRS will use the information in the proposed system to better manage volunteers and programs offering volunteer services. Information about volunteer skills will enable the IRS to strategically place volunteers to provide the widest variety of skills that

taxpayers may need in a particular location. This system will not contain tax returns or return information. The proposed system of records will enable IRS to improve service to taxpayers.

The new system of records report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act, has been submitted to the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Office of Management and Budget, pursuant to Appendix I to OMB Circular A-130, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals," dated November 30, 2000.

The proposed new system of records entitled "Treasury/IRS 10.007-SPEC Taxpayer Assistance Reporting System (STARS)" is published in its entirety below.

Dated: July 8, 2004.

Jesus H. Delgado-Jenkins,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Management.

TREASURY/IRS 10.007

SYSTEM NAME:

SPEC Taxpayer Assistance Reporting System (STARS)—Treasury/IRS.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

The records will be in Wage and Investment Division offices nationwide. See IRS Appendix A for addresses of the national, area and territory offices that will maintain this system.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals who work in and provide administrative assistance to the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs and other IRS volunteer programs. This includes individual partners (persons who serve as intermediaries between IRS and taxpayers, such as return preparers and persons who disseminate tax information) and stakeholders (persons who have a vested interest in IRS business, including tax professionals and practitioners).

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Records contain information on qualifications of individuals who volunteer in IRS-administered taxpayer assistance programs. The records include: Names; addresses; phone numbers; available times to work; language skills; tax law skills; certification levels (CPA, Attorney, Enrolled Agent, etc.), and tax law training levels; ability to deliver products and services; contact information; availability for delivery of products and services; geographical