

**Enrollment**

New applicants may enroll by obtaining a VISA application package (Form MA-1020 (OMB Approval No. 2133-0532)) from the Director, Office of Sealift Support, at the address indicated below. Form MA-1020 includes instructions for completing and submitting the application, blank VISA Application forms and a request for information regarding the operations and U.S. citizenship of the applicant company. A copy of the VISA document as published in the **Federal Register** on September 23, 2005 will also be provided with the package. This information is needed in order to assist MARAD in making a determination of the applicant's eligibility. An applicant company must provide an affidavit that demonstrates that the company is qualified to document a vessel under 46 U.S.C. 12102, and that it owns, or bareboat charters and controls, oceangoing, militarily useful vessel(s) for purposes of committing assets to the VISA program. As previously mentioned, VISA applicants must return the completed VISA application documents to MARAD not later than May 31, 2006. Once MARAD has reviewed the application and determined VISA eligibility, MARAD will sign the VISA application document which completes the eligibility phase of the VISA enrollment process.

After VISA eligibility is approved by MARAD and USTRANSCOM, approved applicants are required to execute a joint VISA Enrollment Contract (VEC) with the DOD [Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) and the Military Sealift Command (MSC)] which will specify the participant's Stage III commitment for the period October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. Once the VEC is completed, the applicant completes the DOD contracting process by executing a Drytime Contingency Contract (DCC) with MSC (for Charter Operators) and if applicable, a VISA Contingency Contract (VCC) with SDDC (for Liner Operators). MARAD reserves the right to revalidate all eligibility requirements without notice.

*For Additional Information and Applications Contact:* Taylor E. Jones II, Director, Office of Sealift Support, U.S. Maritime Administration, Room 7307, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone (202) 366-2323. Fax (202) 366-3128. Other information about the VISA can be found on MARAD's Internet Web Page at <http://www.marad.dot.gov>.

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.66)

Dated: April 28, 2006.

By Order of the Acting Maritime Administrator.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Surface Transportation Board**

**[STB Finance Docket No. 34864]**

**BNSF Railway Company—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—The Kansas City Southern Railroad Company**

The Kansas City Southern Railroad Company (KCS) has agreed to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) over KCS's trackage between Jefferson, TX, and Metro, TX, a total distance of 200.9 miles.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on May 15, 2006. The temporary trackage rights will be effective: (1) From May 15, 2006, through May 24, 2006; (2) from May 31, 2006, through June 9, 2006; and (3) from June 15, 2006, through June 22, 2006, and will expire on June 22, 2006. The purpose of the temporary rights is for bridging BNSF's train service while BNSF's main lines are out of service due to certain programmed track, roadbed and structural maintenance.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee affected by the acquisition of the temporary 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), and any employee affected by the discontinuance of those trackage rights will be protected by the conditions set out in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8). 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34864, 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 Sidney L. Strickland, Jr., Sidney Strickland and

Associates, PLLC, 3050 K Street, NW., Suite 101, Washington, DC 20007.

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

Decided: April 27, 2006.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

April 27, 2006.

The Department of 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 June 2, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

**Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**

*OMB Number:* 1545-1979.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Energy Efficient New Home Credit.

*Form:* IRS 8908.

*Description:* Contractors will use Form 8908 to claim the new energy efficient home credit for homes substantially completed after August 8, 2005 and sold for use as personal residences after January 1, 2006.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 512,820 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1380.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* (IA-17-90) (Final) Reporting Requirements for Recipients of Points Paid on Residential Mortgages.

*Description:* To encourage compliance with the tax laws relating to the mortgage interest deduction, the regulations require reporting on form 1098 of points paid on residential mortgages. Only businesses that receive mortgage interest in the course of a trade