

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 399X)]

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Jefferson County, NE

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 10.8-mile line of railroad between milepost 127.83, near Reynolds, and milepost 117.03, near Endicott, in Jefferson County, NE (line). The line traverses United States Postal Service zip codes 68429, 68350, and 68352.

Applicant has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for the prior 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government agency acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the last two years; 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 January 9, 2003, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA

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.

under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by December 20, 2002. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by December 30, 2002, with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Michael Smith, Esq., Freeborn & Peters, 311 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 3000, Chicago, IL 60606-6677. If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

Applicant has filed a separate environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by December 16, 2002. 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) 565-1552. (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.

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 December 10, 2003, 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 website at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: November 26, 2002.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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² Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,100. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Security Administration

Reports, Forms, and Record Keeping Requirements: Agency Information Collection Activity under OMB Review; Security Programs for Foreign Air Carriers

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration (TSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that TSA has forwarded the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance of an extension of the currently approved collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. TSA published a **Federal Register** notice, with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments, of the following collection of information on August 13, 2002.

DATES: Send your comments by January 9, 2003. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

ADDRESSES: Address your comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: DOT-TSA Desk Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Mullarkey, Office of Security Regulation & Policy, Transportation Security Administration, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001; telephone (202) 385-1236; facsimile (202) 493-1818; e-mail Dan.Mullarkey@tsa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Transportation Security Administration (TSA)**

Title: Security Programs for Foreign Air Carriers.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

OMB Control Number: 2110-0006.

Form(s): 1650-17, 1650-8.

Affected Public: A total of 171 foreign air carriers.

Abstract: The information collected is used to determine compliance of 49 CFR part 1546 and to ensure passenger safety by monitoring foreign air carrier security procedures. These security programs establish procedures that foreign air carriers must carry out to protect persons and property against acts of criminal violence, aircraft piracy, and terrorist activities.