

comprised of owners of property crossed by the Highline, had sought the withdrawal to enable them to pursue condemnation and demolition of the viaduct. The ICC conditioned its order on CPO agreeing to indemnify Conrail for all demolition costs in excess of \$7 million.

Ten years later in August 2002, CPO advised the Board that it had negotiated a proposed settlement agreement with Conrail, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX), and the other rail interests, and with the involved governmental interests. CPO asked the Board to find that this agreement satisfies the indemnity condition imposed by the ICC. Friends of the Highline, Inc. has filed a petition to reopen the *Chelsea* decision based on historic and environmental grounds. The City of New York, which CPO evidently expected to be a signatory to the proposed agreement, has asked the Board instead to issue a certificate of interim trail use (CITU) in this case. A CITU would permit the City to negotiate with Conrail to preserve, *i.e.*, "rail bank" the Highline pending the viaduct's possible future restoration to rail service. Conrail and CSX have asked the Board to determine whether it has the authority to issue a CITU in these circumstances.

Date of Hearing. The hearing will begin at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2003, in the Federal Conference Center, in the Jacob Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York, and will extend, if necessary for every person scheduled to speak to be heard, for 2 hours.

Notice of Intent To Participate. Persons wishing to speak at the hearing should file with the Board a written notice of intent to participate, and should indicate a requested time allotment, as soon as possible but no later than July 15, 2003.

Written Statements. Persons wishing to submit written statements should do so by July 17, 2003.

Paper Copies. Persons intending to speak at the hearing and/or to submit written statements prior to the hearing should submit an original and 10 paper copies, respectively, of their notices and/or written statements.

Board Releases Available via the Internet. Decisions and notices of the Board, including this notice, are

terminating at Gansevoort Street. The Highline was constructed pursuant to easements that require Conrail to absorb all demolition costs when the easements terminate. Abandonment constitutes termination under the easements. For a history of the Highline, see *Chelsea Property Owners—Aban.—The Consol. R. Corp.*, 7 I.C.C.2d 991, 992–94 (1991).

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

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

Dated: June 4, 2003.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1120–POL

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 1120–POL, U.S. Income Tax Return for Certain Political Organizations.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 11, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 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 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622–3179, or through the Internet at Larnice.Mack@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: U.S. Income Tax Return for Certain Political Organizations.

OMB Number: 1545–0129.

Form Number: 1120–POL.

Abstract: Certain political organizations file Form 1120–POL to report the tax imposed by Internal Revenue Code section 527. The form is used to designate a principal business campaign committee that is subject to a

lower rate of tax under Code section 527(h). IRS uses Form 1120–POL to determine if the proper tax was paid.

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: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,527.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 36 hours., 38 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 239,150.

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.

Approved: June 3, 2003.

Glenn Kirkland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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