

between milepost 254 south of Crandon and milepost 280 near White Lake, in Forest and Langlade Counties, WI, a distance of 26 miles. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 54520 and 54491, and includes stations at Woodlawn (milepost 259.9) and Lily (milepost 269.0).

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in WC's possession 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 pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by September 12, 2000.

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 \$1,000 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 July 5, 2000. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 23X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Michael J. Barron, Jr., P.O. Box 5062, Rosemont, IL 60017-5062. Replies to the WC petition are due on or before July 5, 2000.

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) 565-1545. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available 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 after the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days after its service.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: June 8, 2000.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Bureau of Transportation Statistic

[Docket No. BTS-00-7489]

#### Motor Carrier Financial and Operating Information; Requests for Exemptions From Public Release of Reports

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Transportation Statistics, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Class I and Class II motor carriers of property and household goods are required to file annual and quarterly reports with the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). As provided by statute, carriers may request that their reports be withheld from public release. BTS has received three requests covering the 1999 annual report, which also request an exemption from public release of the 2000 quarterly reports. BTS invites comments on these requests.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by July 14, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Please direct comments to the Docket Clerk, Docket No. BTS-00-7489, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

Comments should identify the docket number and be submitted in duplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the Department to acknowledge receipt of their comments must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: Comments on Docket BTS-00-7489. The Docket Clerk will date stamp the postcard and mail it back to the commenter.

If you wish to file comments using the Internet, you may use the US DOT Dockets Management System website at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Please follow the instructions online for more information.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Mednick, K-1, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366-8871; fax: (202) 366-3640; e-mail: david.mednick@bts.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under 49 U.S.C. 14123 and its implementing regulations at 49 CFR 1420, BTS collects financial and operating information from for-hire motor carriers of property and household goods. The data are collected on annual Form M, filed by Class I and Class II carriers, and quarterly Form QFR, filed only by Class I carriers. The data are used by the Department of Transportation, other federal agencies, motor carriers, shippers, industry analysts, labor unions, segments of the insurance industry, investment analysts, and the consultants and data vendors that support these users. Among the uses of the data are: (1) Developing the U.S. national accounts and preparing the quarterly estimates of the Gross Domestic Product, which help us better understand the U.S. economy and the motor carrier industry's role in it; (2) measuring the performance of the for-hire motor carrier industry and segments within it; (3) monitoring carrier safety; (4) benchmarking carrier performance; and (5) analyzing motor carrier safety and productivity.

Generally, all data are made publicly available. A carrier can, however, request that its report be withheld from public release, as provided for by statute, 49 U.S.C. 14123(c)(2), and its implementing regulations, 49 CFR 1420.9. BTS will grant a request upon a proper showing that the carrier is not a publicly held corporation or that the carrier is not subject to financial reporting requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and that the exemption is necessary to avoid competitive harm and to avoid the disclosure of information that qualifies as trade secret or privileged or confidential information under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4).

The carrier must submit a written request containing supporting information. BTS must receive the request by the report's due date, unless it is postmarked by the due date or there are extenuating circumstances. Requests covering the quarterly reports must be received by the due date of the annual report that relates to the prior year. In

its request, a carrier may want or need to present information that is itself confidential. In this case, the carrier must clearly identify the information contained in its submittal that it believes should be protected from public release and provide information supporting its claim of confidential treatment. If BTS agrees, it will withhold the identified information.

In accordance with our regulations, after each due date of each annual report BTS then publishes a notice, such as this one, in the **Federal Register** requesting comments on any requests it has received. After considering the requests and comments, BTS will decide to grant or deny each request no later than 90 days after the request's due date. While a decision is pending, BTS will not publicly release the report except as allowed under 49 CFR 1420.10(c).

#### Request for Comments

BTS invites comments on several carrier requests for exemption from public release. These requests cover the 1999 annual report and the 2000 quarterly reports. Comments should be made within the context of the governing regulations at 49 CFR 1420.9, which were published in the **Federal Register** on March 23, 1999 (64 FR 13916). We are inviting your comments on requests from the following carriers:

H&R Transport, Inc. (MC 148000)

PGT Trucking, Inc. (MC 155377)

Reliable Carriers, Inc. (MC 172994)

If you wish to read their exemption requests and the comments submitted in response to this Notice, use the DOT Dockets Management System. This is located at the Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590, and is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Internet users can access the Dockets Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help.

You must also use to Dockets Management System if you wish to comment on one or more exemption requests. Please follow the instructions listed above under **ADDRESSES**.

**Ashish Sen,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**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 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the State and Local Training Registration Request.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before August 14, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Linda Barnes, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20720, (202) 927-8930.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to James M. Mercer, State and Local Training Branch, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-3098.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* State and Local Training Registration Request.

*OMB Number:* 1512-0556.

*Form Number:* ATF F 6400.1.

*Abstract:* The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms provides arson and explosives investigative techniques training to State and local investigators. The State and Local Training Registration Request, ATF F 6400.1 is used by prospective students when applying to attend this training.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 500.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 6 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 50.

#### 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.

Dated: June 6, 2000.

**William T. Earle,**

*Assistant Director (Management) CFO.*

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