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Issued in Washington, DC on February 13, 2003.

Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on October 29, 2002. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 21, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rita C. Jackson, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-5755; FAX: 202-493-2288, or E-MAIL: rita.jackson@marad.dot.gov. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Service Obligation Compliance Report.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0509.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Every student and graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and every subsidized State maritime academy student.

Form(s): MA-930.

Abstract: The Maritime Education and Training Act of 1980, imposes a service obligation on every graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and every subsidized State maritime academy graduate who received a student incentive payment. This mandatory service obligation is for the Federal financial assistance the graduate received as a student and requires the graduate to maintain a license as an officer in the merchant marine and to report on reserve status, training, and employment for applicable periods.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 1150 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments Are Invited On: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC on February 10, 2003.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34311]

United States Steel Corporation— Acquisition of Control Exemption— Delray Connecting Railroad Company

United States Steel Corporation (U.S. Steel), a noncarrier, has filed a notice of exemption to acquire control, through stock purchase, of Delray Connecting Railroad Company (Delray), a Class III

railroad and a wholly owned subsidiary of National Steel Corporation (National Steel).¹

U.S. Steel owns 100% of Transtar, Inc. (Transtar), a noncarrier holding company and, through that ownership, indirectly owns and controls one Class II and four Class III railroads.²

The transaction is expected to be consummated early in the second quarter of 2003.

U.S. Steel states that: (i) The railroads (Delray and the Transtar Railroads) do not connect; (ii) the transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect these railroads with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. *See* 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Because U.S. Steel already controls one Class II and four Class III railroads by virtue of its control of Transtar, this grant will be made subject to the labor protection requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11326(b).

If the notice 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. 34311, 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 Richard J.

¹ On March 6, 2002, National Steel and several of its subsidiaries filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court in the Northern District of Illinois (Case 02-08699). Delray did not file a bankruptcy petition and is not a party to the National Steel bankruptcy proceeding. On January 9, 2003, U.S. Steel announced execution of an Asset Purchase Agreement with National Steel and 12 subsidiaries involving U.S. Steel's acquisition of substantially all of their steelmaking and finishing assets.

² The "Transtar Railroads" are: Birmingham Southern Railroad Company, Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company (the Class II railroad), The Lake Terminal Railroad Company, McKeesport Connecting Railroad Company, and Union Railroad Company. Common control of these railroads by U.S. Steel (formerly USX Corporation) was authorized by the Board in *USX Corporation—Control Exemption—Transtar, Inc.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33942 (STB served Nov. 30, 2000) and in *Transtar Holdings, L.P.—Corporate Family Exemption—Transtar, Inc.*, STB Finance Docket No. 32411 (STB served Dec. 29, 1993).

Munsch, 600 Grant Street, Room 1500, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2800 and Vincent P. Szeligo, 1450 Two Chatham Center, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-3427.

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Decided: February 12, 2003.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34312]

Big 4 Terminal Railroad Corporation— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Wabash Central Railroad Corporation

Big 4 Terminal Railroad Corporation (Big 4), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Wabash Central Railroad Corporation (WBRC) and operate approximately 1.5 miles of rail line currently owned by RMW Ventures, L.L.C. (RMW)¹ and currently operated by WBRC.² Big 4 is seeking to sublease and operate the following track, terminal facilities, and properties at or near Craigville, Wells County, IN: A 40 foot right-of-way being 20 feet of either side of the center line of the main track from milepost 117 (Railroad Valuation Station #6177 + 60) to milepost 118.53 (Railroad Valuation Station #6258 + 14) on the east side of County Road #204N, together with all connecting spur and yard tracks. Big 4 will connect with WBRC and conduct terminal switching operations at Craigville in order to improve switching service to shippers served by these facilities. WBRC will continue to operate over the remaining portion of the line.

The effective date of the exemption was January 30, 2003 (7 days after the

notice was filed) and the parties expected to consummate the transaction on or after January 31, 2003.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding 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. 34312, 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 Richard R. Wilson, 127 Lexington Avenue, Suite 100, Altoona, PA 16601.

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Decided: February 12, 2003.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Payments to Persons Who Hold Certain Categories of Judgments Against Cuba or Iran

February 19, 2003.

AGENCY: Department of the Treasury; Office of Foreign Assets Control.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice specifies the Secretary of the Treasury's intention to pay on March 21, 2003 certain claims filed pursuant to section 2002 of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, Public Law no. 106-386, as amended by the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003, Public Law 107-228. Section 2002 directs the Secretary to make payments to persons who hold certain categories of judgments against Cuba or Iran in suits brought under 28 U.S.C. 1605(a)(7).

This notice also specifies the procedures necessary for persons filing applications after November 26, 2002, to establish eligibility for payments authorized by section 2002 of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (the "VTVPA"), Public Law no. 106-386, as amended by section 686 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003,

Public Law no. 107-228, and as further amended by section 201 of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (the "TRIA"), Public Law no. 107-297. The publication of this notice necessarily precedes the making of payments in order to implement the TRIA's amendments to the VTVPA. This notice supersedes the two notices previously published by the Department of the Treasury ("the Treasury") on November 22, 2000, and December 15, 2000, at 65 FR 70382 and 65 FR 78533, respectively, for all such applications filed after November 26, 2002. The rules set forth in the two preceding notices shall continue to apply to applications filed with the Treasury prior to November 26, 2002, that are still pending before the Treasury. Applications filed with the Treasury before November 26, 2002, that were determined to be ineligible for payment are no longer pending before the Treasury. Those applicants previously determined to be ineligible for payment, but who may now be eligible due to amendments of section 2002, must therefore file new applications with the Treasury pursuant to the rules set forth in this new notice.

This notice also sets forth estimates of the funds available for payment of eligible Iran-related claims for payment under section 2002 that are filed with the Treasury after November 26, 2002.

DATES: This notice is effective February 19, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions regarding submission of applications, Rochelle E. Stern, Chief, Policy Planning and Program Management Division, Office of Foreign Assets Control, tel.: 202/622-2500. For legal questions, Office of the Chief Counsel (Foreign Assets Control), tel.: 202/622-2410.

Part 1. Payment of Certain Claims on March 21, 2003

The Treasury expects to complete the processing of payment on March 21, 2003 to certain claimants pursuant to section 2002 of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (the "VTVPA"), Public Law No. 106-386, as amended by section 686 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003, Public Law No. 107-228. The claimants scheduled to receive payment on March 21, 2003 are those who filed lawsuits against Iran on June 6, 2000, received judgments in the lawsuit entitled *Carlson v. The Islamic Republic of Iran*, Civil Case No. 00-CV-1309 (D.D.C.), and filed claims for payment with the Treasury prior to November 26, 2002.

¹ The line was formerly owned by Wabash Central, L.L.C., a Class III rail carrier. In *RMW Ventures, L.L.C.-Corporate Family Transaction Exemption-C&NC, L.L.C., Maumee & Western, L.L.C., and Wabash Central, L.L.C.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33541 (STB served Mar. 10, 1998), Wabash Central, L.L.C., along with two other Class III rail carriers, was merged into RMW.

² In 1998, WBRC acquired operating rights over a 26.4-mile line of railroad, including the segment involved here, and incidental trackage rights between Craigville, IN (milepost 117.8), and Van Buren, IN (milepost 108.6). See *Wabash Central Railroad Corporation-Operation Exemption-Wabash Central, L.L.C.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33536 (STB served Jan. 16, 1998).