

implement a written continuing public education program that follows the guidance provided in the American Petroleum Institute's (API) Recommended Practice (RP) 1162. Upon request, operators must submit their completed programs to PHMSA or, in the case of an intrastate pipeline facility operator, the appropriate State agency. The operator's program documentation and evaluation results must also be available for periodic review by appropriate regulatory agencies. (49 CFR 192.616 and 195.440).

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, PHMSA invites comments on whether the renewal of this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department. These include (1) whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. As used in this notice, the term "information collection" includes all work related to preparing and disseminating information related to this recordkeeping requirement including completing paperwork, gathering information, and conducting telephone calls.

*Type of Information Collection*  
Request: Renewal of Existing Collection.

*Title of Information Collection:*  
Pipeline Safety: Public Awareness Program.

*Respondents:* 22,500 (Old).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 517,480 hours. (Old).

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 24, 2008.

**Barbara Betsock,**

*Acting Director, Office of Regulations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 461X)]

#### **BNSF Railway Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Marion County, MO**

On January 11, 2008, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed with the Surface Transportation Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the

provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a 0.56-mile line of railroad extending between milepost 13.86 and milepost 14.42, near Palmyra, in Marion County, MO. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 63461, and it includes no stations.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in BNSF'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 issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by April 30, 2008.

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 offer must be accompanied by a \$1,300 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 February 20, 2008. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$200 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 461X), and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001, and (2) Sidney L. Strickland, Jr., Sidney Strickland and Associates, PLLC, 3050 K Street, NW., Suite 101, Washington, DC 20007. Replies to BNSF's petition are due on or before February 20, 2008.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 245-0230 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) 245-0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) 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 of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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

Decided: January 23, 2008.

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

**Anne K. Quinlan,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35087]

#### **Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation— Control—EJ&E West Company; Notice Extending the Public Scoping Period**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice extending the public scoping period.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) announces the extension of the scoping period for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that is being prepared in connection with an application filed by Canadian National Railway Company (CN) to acquire certain rail lines of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad (EJ&E). SEA is preparing an EIS because the Surface Transportation Board has determined that the proposed acquisition has the potential to result in significant effects upon the environment within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

**DATES:** The scoping period on the EIS is extended through February 15, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** If you wish to submit written comments regarding the attached proposed draft scope, please send your comments to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423. Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball, Environmental Filing, STB Finance Docket No. 35087.

Environmental comments may also be filed electronically on the Board's Web site, <http://www.stb.dot.gov>, by clicking on the "E\_FILING" link. You do not

need a Login Account to submit Environmental Comments. Simply click on "Environmental Comments," which will take you to the comment screen. Add the Docket number, which is "FD 35087." Select "Phillis Johnson-Ball" in the drop down list under "attention of." Then complete the form by adding your name, address, phone and email, then click "Submit."

You may also call your comments into SEA's toll-free hotline established for this proceeding. Dial 1-800-347-0689 and leave your comments after the tone. Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence, including E-filings, addressed to the Board.

Following these directions will help ensure that your comments are considered in the environmental review process for this proposed acquisition. In addition, SEA will add your name to its mailing list for distribution of the final scope of the EIS, the DEIS, and Final EIS (FEIS).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball, SEA Project Manager, toll-free at 1-800-347-0689 (TDD for the hearing impaired 1-800-877-8339). The Web site for the Surface Transportation Board is <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. This document is available in English and Spanish by calling the toll-free number at 1-800-347-0689.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 30, 2007, Canadian National Railway Corporation (CN) and Grand Trunk Corporation (GTC), a noncarrier holding company through which CN controls its U.S. rail subsidiaries, filed an application with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) seeking the Board's approval of the acquisition of control of EJ&E West Company (EJ&EW), a wholly owned noncarrier subsidiary of Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E). In this document, the action before the Board will be referred to as the proposal or the proposed acquisition and CN and GTC will be referred to collectively as CN or as Applicants.

CN is one of Canada's two major railroads, extending from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Vancouver and Prince Rupert, British Columbia. EJ&E is a Class II railroad that currently operates over 198 miles of track in northeastern Illinois and northwestern Indiana, consisting primarily of an arc around Chicago, IL, extending from Waukegan, IL, southwards to Joliet, IL, then eastward to Gary, IN, and then northwest to South Chicago along Lake Michigan. EJ&E provides rail service to approximately 100 customers, including steel mills, coal utilities, plastics and chemical

producers, steel processors, distribution centers, and scrap processors.

Applicants' proposed acquisition of the EJ&E would shift rail traffic currently moving over CN's rail lines inside the EJ&E arc in Chicago to the EJ&E, which traverses the suburbs generally to the west and south of Chicago. Rail traffic on CNR lines inside the EJ&E arc would generally decrease. The decreases in rail traffic would be offset by increases in the number of trains operating on the EJ&E rail line outside of Chicago (approximately 15-27 more trains would operate on various segments of the EJ&E). Applicants also proposed to construct six new rail connections and approximately 19 miles of new sidings/double tracking. Applicants give three primary reasons for seeking approval of the proposed acquisition: Improved rail operations in the Chicago area; availability to EJ&E's Kirk Yard in Gary, Indiana, and other smaller facilities in Joliet, Illinois, and Whiting, Indiana; and improved service to companies dealing in steel, chemicals, and petrochemicals, as well as Chicago area utilities.

Because this proposal has the potential to result in significant environmental impacts, the Board has determined that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is appropriate. To help determine the scope of the EIS, and as required by the Board's regulations at 49 CFR 1105.10(a)(2), SEA published in the **Federal Register** and made available to the public on December 21, 2008, the Notice of Availability of Draft Scope of Study for the EIS, Notice of Scoping Meetings, and Request for Comments. SEA held seven public scoping meetings in the project area between on January 9 and 22, 2008. The scoping comment period originally concluded February 1, 2008, but, in response to requests, SEA is extending the scoping period an additional 14 days, to February 15, 2008.

Decided: January 30, 2008.

By the Board, Victoria J. Rutson, Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis.

**Anne K. Quinlan,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Open Meeting of the President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy

**AGENCY:** Office of Financial Education, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy (Council) will convene its first meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2008, in the Cash Room of the Main Department Building, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, beginning at 10 a.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2008, at 10 a.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy will convene its first meeting in the Cash Room of the Main Department Building, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The public is invited to submit written statements to the Council. Send written statements in triplicate to the address identified below in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. All statements, including attachments and other supporting materials, received are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edwin Bodensiek, Director of Outreach, Department of the Treasury, Main Department Building, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220; [ed.bodensiek@do.treas.gov](mailto:ed.bodensiek@do.treas.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By this notice, the Department of the Treasury is announcing that the President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy will convene its first meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2008, in the Cash Room in the Main Department Building, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, beginning at 10 a.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be open to the public. Because the meeting will be held in a secured facility, members of the public who plan to attend the meeting must contact the Office of Financial Education at 202-622-1783 by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, February 11, 2008, to inform the Department of their desire to attend the meeting and to provide the information that will be required to facilitate entry into the Main Department Building. To enter the building, attendees should provide their full name, date of birth, social security number, organization, and country of citizenship. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss general organizational matters of the President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy and begin discussing the issues concerning financial literacy.