

a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) and therefore presented no evidence from which FMCSA can conclude that granting the exemption is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

The following 6 applicants do not have 3 years of experience driving a CMV on public highways with the vision deficiency: Dean, Joseph; DiPasqua III, Louis; Kirkland, Willie; Osborne, Hudson; Pittman, Larry; Storm, Stacey.

Four applicants do not have 3 years recent experience driving a CMV with the vision deficiency: Gerdes, Donald; Webb, William; Moates, Tommy; Thompson, Ronald.

One applicant, Mr. Robert Aurandt, had more than two CMV moving violations during a 3-year period or while the application was pending. Each applicant is only allowed two moving citations.

One applicant, Mr. William Whitson, had two serious CMV violations within the 3-year period because of a moving violation. Applicants do not qualify for an exemption with a suspension during the 3-year period.

One applicant, Mr. Kenneth Walker, had two serious CMV violations within the 3-year period. Each applicant is allowed a total of two moving citations, of which only one can be serious.

Issued on: June 6, 2003.

Pamela M. Pelcovits,

Acting Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-03-15122; Notice 1]

Pipeline Safety: Petition for Waiver; Duke Energy Gas Transmission Company

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; petition for waiver for extension of time.

SUMMARY: Duke Energy Gas Transmission Company (DEGT) petitioned the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) for a 12-month extension of time to comply with the provisions of 49 CFR 192.611(d), which require pipeline operators to confirm or revise the maximum allowable operating pressure within 18 months after a class location change.

DATES: Persons interested in submitting written comments on the waiver proposed in this notice must do so by July 11, 2003. Late-filed comments will be considered so far as practicable.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by mailing or delivering an original and two copies to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. The Dockets Facility is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays when the facility is closed. Alternatively, you may submit written comments to the docket electronically at the following Web address: <http://dms.dot.gov>.

All written comments should identify the docket and notice numbers stated in the heading of this notice. Anyone who wants confirmation of mailed comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. To file written comments electronically, after logging on to <http://dms.dot.gov>, click on "Comment/Submissions." You can also read comments and other material in the docket at <http://dms.dot.gov>. General information about our pipeline safety program is available at <http://ops.dot.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Reynolds by phone at 202-366-2786, by fax at 202-366-4566, by mail at DOT, RSPA, OPS, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20590, or by e-mail at james.reynolds@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DEGT petitioned RSPA/OPS for a waiver from compliance with 49 CFR 192.611(d) for selected gas transmission pipeline segments in Pennsylvania. DEGT is asking for an additional 12 months beyond the 18 months allowed by § 192.611(d) to present, discuss, and have RSPA/OPS review alternative actions to maintain an equal or higher level of safety.

Section 192.611(d) requires an operator to complete a class location change study whenever it believes an increase in population density may have caused a change in class location as defined in § 192.5. The operator must

complete a study and confirm or revise its maximum authorized operating pressure within 18 months of the class location change. The operator is required to either reduce pressure or replace the pipe with thicker-walled pipe to lower pipe wall stress to acceptable percentages of specified minimum yield strength.

DEGT's waiver request for an extension of time is specific to four pipeline segments on Line 12 and Line 19, which are part of its Texas Eastern Pipeline System in the state of Pennsylvania. These segments are located in the towns of Entriiken, Perulack, Bernville, and Bechtelsville. The pipelines are 24-inch and 30-inch in diameter and the class locations have changed from Class 1 to Class 2.

When these pipelines were built between 1954 through 1963, they were hydrotested to at least 100% of the pipe's specified minimum yield strength (SMYS) with the exception of 10 feet of pipe on the Bechtelsville discharge line, which was tested to 90% SMYS.

DEGT has internally inspected each of these pipelines. DEGT first inspected the pipelines in 1986 using Tuboscope's conventional magnetic flux leakage (MFL) tool. Between 1996 and 2002, DEGT performed a second inspection of these lines using Tuboscope's conventional MFL tool and Tuboscope's high resolution MFL tool.

During the same years, DEGT also inspected and evaluated the condition of the coal tar enamel pipeline coatings and evaluated the cathodic protection current demands on each of the pipelines. DEGT reported that the coatings were in good condition and that the cathodic protection systems were not experiencing excessive current demands.

Because DEGT has internally inspected its pipelines and performed other tests in excess of the minimum requirements of 49 CFR part 192, RSPA/OPS will consider granting DEGT a 12-month extension from the requirements of § 192.611 (d).

DEGT further seeks to present an alternative technical proposal for permanent waiver of compliance with § 192.611 by September 2003. RSPA/OPS will determine if the alternative will yield an equal or higher level of safety than that required by the regulation. If RSPA/OPS decides that the alternative will yield an equal or higher level of safety, we will issue a **Federal Register** notice by December 2003 announcing the proposed technical waiver of § 192.611. The notice will provide an opportunity for public comment. If RSPA/OPS does not believe DEGT's proposal will yield an

equal or higher level of safety, DEGT will be required to fully comply with § 192.611 by September 2004.

Authority: 49 App. U.S.C. 60118(c) and 2015; and 49 CFR 1.53.

Issued in Washington, DC on June 5, 2003.

Stacey L. Gerard,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34351]

Sierra Railroad Company—Acquisition of Control Exemption—Yolo Shortline Railroad Company

Sierra Railroad Company (SRC) and Yolo Shortline Railroad Company (YSL), Class III rail carriers, have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption for SRC to acquire control of YSL through stock purchase of YSL's parent, Midland Railroad Enterprises Corporation.¹

The transaction is expected to be consummated by June 30, 2003.

SRC and YSL state that: (i) The 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. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Accordingly, the Board may not impose labor protective conditions here, because all of the carriers involved are Class III rail carriers.

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 stay the transaction.

¹ In addition to this acquisition, the parties plan a corporate reorganization. To obtain necessary Board authorization for this subsequent transaction, on June 3, 2003, the parties filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3) in STB Finance Docket No. 34360, *Sierra Railroad Company—Corporate Family Merger Exemption—Yolo Shortline Railroad Company*.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34351, 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: Michael G. Hart, 220 Sierra Avenue, Oakdale, CA 95361 and David Magaw, 341 Industrial Way, Woodland, CA 95776.

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

Decided: June 5, 2003.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

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 Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Application For Transfer of Spirits and/or Denatured Spirits in Bond.

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

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Kristi Colon, Regulations and Procedures Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application For Transfer of Spirits and/or Denatured Spirits in Bond.

OMB Number: 1513-0038.

Form Number: TTB F 5100.16.

Abstract: TTB F 5100.16 is completed by distilled spirits plant proprietors who wish to receive spirits in bond from other distilled spirits plants. TTB uses the information to determine if the applicant has sufficient bond coverage for the additional tax liability assumed when spirits are transferred in bond. Records are kept as long as the approved application remains in effect.

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: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 300.

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 3, 2003.

William H. Foster,

Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

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