

History and Background

Due to mountainous terrain within ten miles east of the ANC, there are no instrument approaches to Runways 24R or 24L. When wind conditions dictate the use of these runways, the only option available for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) arrivals is a visual approach. Since aircraft on a visual approach are not restricted to a specific route and since high minimum vectoring altitudes prohibit giving subsequent aircraft an extended downwind leg, excessive spacing must be used to ensure aircraft separation.

The establishment of the CVFPs to Runways 24R and 24L would keep aircraft as close to ANC as possible and within Class C airspace to avoid the Seward Highway Segment by heavily used Visual Flight Rules (VFR) aircraft.

The fleet mix and number of aircraft into ANC would not change. The percentage of time Runway 24 would be utilized would also not change. Additionally, the CVFPs would result in a slight average increase in aircraft altitudes over the proposed flight track.

Workshop Agenda

This workshop is intended to involve the community in our decision making process. The workshop will be set up in an open house fashion with stations attended by FAA representatives. These stations are intended to provide information and collect comments on the development of new Charted Visual Flight Procedures for Runway 24R and Runway 24L.

Workshop Procedures

(a) The workshop will be informal in nature and will be conducted by representatives of the FAA Alaskan Region.

(b) The workshop will be open to all persons on a space-available basis. Every effort was made to provide a workshop site with sufficient capacity for expected participation. There will be no admission fee nor other charges to attend and participate.

(c) Representatives of Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Traffic Control Tower and Anchorage Terminal Radar Approach Control will be present to discuss procedural concepts. FAA Air Traffic Division representatives will be present to discuss environmental concerns.

(d) Any person who wishes to submit a position paper to FAA representatives pertinent to the establishment of Charted Visual Flight Procedures may do so.

(e) The workshop will not be formally recorded. However, informal tape

recordings may be made to ensure that each respondent's comments are noted accurately.

(f) An official verbatim transcript or minutes of the informal airspace workshop will not be made. However, a list of the attendees, written statements received from attendees during and after the workshop and a digest of discussions during the workshop will be included in the administrative record for the project.

(g) Every reasonable effort will be made to hear the concerns of interested persons consistent with a reasonable closing time for the workshop.

Issued in Anchorage, AK, on December 12, 2003.

Trent S. Cummings,

Manager, Air Traffic Division, Alaskan Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34442]

Maritime Rail, LLC—Lease and Operation Exemption—Meadows Industrial Tracks

Maritime Rail, LLC (Maritime Rail), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease and operate certain railroad properties totaling about 3,500 track feet in length. The tracks, which extend beyond a point of connection with a Consolidated Rail Corporation branch line known as Meadows Industrial Track No. 1, are identified on the Exhibit A-1 map attached to the notice of exemption as: (1) An existing lead track that terminates in a track identified on the A-1 map as the "car loading track"; (2) an existing track identified on the A-1 map as the "10-car storage track"; (3) an existing track identified on the A-1 map as the "10-car capacity track for holding empties while loads are pulled"; and (4) a track identified on the A-1 map as the "10-car capacity loading track," which does not now exist but which will be constructed at a later date (this track existed in the past, but it is now paved over). Maritime Rail certifies that its projected annual revenues will not exceed \$5 million and that Maritime Rail will be a Class III rail carrier.

Maritime Rail states that it intends to commence operations sometime during the year 2004, specifically 6 to 8 months after the Army Corps of Engineers and the State of New Jersey award a joint contract for a demonstration project

involving the dredging of the Passaic River and the treatment of the dredged material. By decision served December 8, 2003, the effective date of Maritime Rail's exemption was postponed to January 8, 2004. Therefore, the earliest the transaction can be consummated is January 8, 2004.

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. 34442, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on John D. Heffner, Esq., 1920 N Street, NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036.

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

Decided: December 12, 2003.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 976

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 976, Claim for Deficiency Dividends Deductions by a Personal Holding Company, Regulated Investment Company, or Real Estate Investment Trust.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 17, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Robert Coar, 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 Allan Hopkins, at (202) 622-6665, or at Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224. Or through the internet, at Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Claim for Deficiency Dividends Deductions by a Personal Holding Company, Regulated Investment Company, or Real Estate Investment Trust.

OMB Number: 1545-0045.

Form Number: Form 976.

Abstract: Form 976 is filed by corporations that wish to claim a deficiency dividend deduction. The deduction allows the corporation to use the payment of dividends to reduce taxes imposed after the tax return is filed. The IRS uses Form 976 to determine if shareholders have included the dividend amounts in gross income.

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: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 7 hrs., 40 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,830.

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: December 15, 2003.

Robert Coar,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 973

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 973, Corporation Claim for Deduction for Consent Dividends.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 17, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Robert Coar, 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 Allan Hopkins, at (202) 622-6665, or at Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet, at Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Corporation Claim for Deduction for Consent Dividends.

OMB Number: 1545-0044.

Form Number: Form 973.

Abstract: Corporations file Form 973 to claim a deduction for dividends paid.

If shareholders consent and the IRS approves, the corporation may claim a deduction for dividends paid, which reduces the corporation's tax liability. IRS uses Form 973 to determine if shareholders have included the dividend in gross income.

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: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 4 hrs., 25 mins.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,210.

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: December 15, 2003.

Robert Coar,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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