

installing a NAVAID in the coastal zone. ARP includes this information to highlight the different CZM Act requirements that may apply to an ARP action.

Change 56. Paragraph 1204.a. discusses the various approval levels ARP follows to meet FAA Order 1100.154A, Delegation of Authority, dated June 12, 1990. The Order delegates approval authority for certain airport projects from the FAA Administrator to the Associate Administrator for Airports (ARP-1). ARP-1 may further delegate that authority, per Order 1100.154A, as paragraph 1204.a. explains.

Change 57. Paragraphs 1205.d., e., and f. provide updated information on the number of copies of the FEIS the responsible FAA official must send to the U.S. EPA (EPA) regional office reviewing an ARP project and to EPA and the Department of the Interior headquarters.

Change 58. Paragraph 1206. discusses more detailed information concerning the process for referring EISs to CEQ under 40 CFR 1504. ARP includes this information to ensure personnel knew about this little used, but important CEQ NEPA regulation.

Change 59. Paragraph 1301.g. requires FAA to ensure the agency and the airport sponsor complete required mitigation. The paragraph suggests using an Environmental Management System (EMS) to track mitigation compliance. ARP includes EMS tracking to comply with EO 13148, Greening the Government Through Leadership in Environmental Management.

Change 60. Chapter 14 provides guidance on the longevity of EAs and EISs, supplementing those documents, written re-evaluations, and tiering. It also notes that FAA is applying the same standards it uses for EISs to EAs. The paragraph also notes that the responsible FAA official may use his or her best professional judgment when determining the need for a written re-evaluation. ARP provides that information to address questions about EA longevity and to comply with FAA Order 1050.1E, paragraphs 410 and 411. ARP agrees that accurate EAs and EISs are needed to ensure approving FAA officials have the best available information when making decisions on proposed airport development projects and airport actions.

Change 61. Paragraph 1404. provides instructions on applying NEPA to emergency situations. ARP includes this information to ensure order users are aware of this requirement.

Chapter 62. Chapter 15 provides information on streamlining the EIS

process for certain airport projects. This information addresses requirements of Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act also known as "Vision-100." Among other things, Vision-100 requires streamlining the environmental process for airport capacity projects at congested airports. These are airports that account for at least 1% of all delayed aircraft operations in the nation. Vision 100 also applies to airport safety and airport security projects throughout the nation, regardless of their delay status.

Change 63. Appendix 1 includes updated flowcharts on completing the NEPA processes for categorical exclusions, EAs, FONSI, EISs, and RODs.

Change 64. Appendix 2 includes information on the third-party contracting process FAA uses to select contractors to help the agency prepare EISs, as explained in Change 44. It also includes a sample Disclosure Statement and two types of Memoranda of Understanding describing the respective duties of FAA, the airport sponsor, and the FAA-selected consultant.

Change 65. Appendix 3 provides an example of a "short-form" EA. ARP provides this as one example of how to prepare an EA that meets CEQ's recommended length for an EA (i.e., maximum of 15 pages).

ARP encourages full public participation during this comment period. ARP will consider filed comments on the draft order as it prepares the final Order 5050.4B.

Dated: December 13, 2004.

Dennis E. Roberts,

Director, Office of Airports Planning and Programming.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 218X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Kootenai County, ID

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights* to abandon a 5.25-mile line of railroad known as the Coeur'd Alene Industrial Lead from milepost 2.25 near Feeley Spur to milepost 7.50 near Gibbs, in Kootenai County, ID. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 83840.

UP has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at

least 2 years; (2) all overheard traffic which could travel over the line has been shifted to an adjacent line of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on January 15, 2005, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by December 27, 2004. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by January 5, 2005, with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to UP's representative: Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 101 North Wacker Dr., Room 1920, Chicago, IL 60606.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,200. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

UP has filed an environmental report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by December 21, 2004. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1539. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.) Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), UP shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by UP's filing of a notice of consummation by December 16, 2005, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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

Decided: December 10, 2004.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Financial Management Service; Proposed Collection of Information: Application for Payment of a Deceased Depositor's Postal Savings Certificate (POD 1681)

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Financial Management Service, as part of its continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection. By this notice, the Financial Management Service solicits comments concerning the Form POD 1681, "Application for Payment of a Deceased Depositor's Postal Saving Certificate."

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Financial Management Service, 3700 East West Highway, Records and Information Management Program Staff, Room 135, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Vivian Cooper, Financial Accounting and Services Division, 3700 East West highway, Room 600D, Hyattsville, MD 20782, (202) 874-8380.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Financial Management Service solicits comments on the collection of information described below:

Title: Application for Payment of a Deceased Depositor's Postal Savings Certificate.

OMB Number: 1510-0027.

Form Number: POD 1681.

Abstract: This form is used when an application is submitted for payment of a deceased Postal Savings depositor's account. Information furnished on the form is used to determine if the applicant is entitled to the proceeds of the account.

Current Actions: Extension of currently approved collection.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25.

Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget 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 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: December 7, 2004.

Ronald G. Cymbor,

Acting Assistant Commissioner, Financial Operations.

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