

of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection

Request: Renewal of Existing Collection.

Title of Information Collection:

Certification and Agreement Forms for the Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Program.

OMB Approval Number: 2137-0584.

Frequency: Annually.

Use: This collection is used by RSPA to ensure that state agencies attesting they have regulatory jurisdiction over pipeline safety have adopted and are complying with minimum Federal safety standards. This information is used to calculate grants to states.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 61.

Respondents: State Agencies.

Total Annual Hours Requested: 3,649.

Copies of this information collection can be reviewed at the Dockets Unit (Docket PS-146; Notice 2), Room 8421, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St. SW., Washington, D.C.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place NW., Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer for Department of Transportation, RSPA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590 (202) 366-1640.

Dated: April 17, 1996.

Michael T. Horkan,
Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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Surface Transportation Board¹

[STB Finance Docket No. 32902]

Central Railroad Company of Indiana—Trackage Rights Exemption—CSX Transportation, Inc.

Central Railroad Company of Indiana (CIND) has filed a verified notice under

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996,

49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7) to acquire trackage rights from the CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) from connection with CIND on CSXT's connection track T-1415 (D)(1) at Ownership Point (O.P.) 1+53 at North Bend, OH, near CSXT's milepost B.C.15 and CSXT's connection with CIND on CSXT's connection track T-2 at O.P. 1144+96.2 at Lawrenceburg, IN near CSXT's milepost 22, a distance of approximately 7 miles.

The purpose of the transaction is to reroute overhead traffic for CIND's Lawrenceburg, IN customers via CSXT, in order that CIND may abandon its own 2.3 miles of right-of-way from railroad milepost 22.4 near Lawrenceburg Junction (about 0.4 miles north of the intersection of Route 50 and Route 1 in Greendale) to railroad milepost 24.7 near Dearborn Junction (at the CIND/CSXT connection south of the former Pierson-Hollowell site in Lawrenceburg), in Dearborn County, IN. See *Central Railroad Company of Indiana—Abandonment Exemption—in Dearborn County, IN*, STB Docket No. AB-459 (Sub-No. 1X) (ICC served Mar. 11, 1996). By Board decision served April 5, 1996, the effective date of the abandonment exemption was postponed until April 30, 1996.

The trackage rights transaction is expected to be consummated immediately after conveyance of the abandoned right of way for construction of a public highway.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 354 I.C.C. 732 (1978) and 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

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. 32902, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20423 and served on: Jo A. DeRoche, Weiner, Brodsky, Sidman & Kider, P.C., 1350 New York Avenue NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005-4797.

abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 11323.

Decided: April 16, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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Surface Transportation Board¹

[STB Finance Docket No. 32885 (Sub-No. 1)]

Central of Tennessee Railway & Navigation Company Incorporated d/b/a The Longhorn Railway Company—Change of Operator Exemption—The City of Austin, TX

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10902 the operation by Central of Tennessee Railway & Navigation Company Incorporated doing business as The Longhorn Railway Company (CTRN) of a rail line owned by the City of Austin, TX (the City)² and currently operated by Austin Railroad Company d/b/a Austin & Northwestern Railroad (AUNW). The line extends between AUNW milepost 00.00, west of Giddings, and AUNW milepost 154.07, at Llano, including the Marble Falls Branch (6.43 miles), the Scobee Spur (3.3 miles), and the Burnet Spur (0.93 mile), for approximately 162 miles, in Bastrop, Burnet, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson Counties, TX.

DATES: This exemption is effective on May 3, 1996. Petitions to stay must be

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² Before 1986, the Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SP) owned and operated the line from Giddings to Austin (the Giddings Branch) and the connecting line from Austin to Llano, TX (the Llano Branch). SP also owned and operated a line extending off of the Llano Branch at Fairland, TX, to Marble Falls, TX (the Marble Falls Branch). In 1986, the City purchased the Giddings, Llano and Marble Falls Branches from SP. See *Austin Railroad Co.—Operation Exemption—City of Austin, TX*, Finance Docket No. 30861(B) (ICC served Nov. 4, 1986) (51 FR 40084). Subsequently, the City was exempted from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV, with respect to the acquisition which, among other things, relieved the City of any common carrier obligation that it would incur upon consummation of the transaction. See *City of Austin, TX—Exemption—From 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV*, Finance Docket No. 30861(A) (Sub-No. 1) (ICC served Apr. 23, 1987).

filed by April 29, 1996, and petitions to reopen must be filed by May 16, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 32885 (Sub-No. 1) to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) Donald T. Cheatham, 150 Fourth Avenue, North, Suite 1210, Nashville, TN 37219.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-5610. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC Data & News, Inc., Room 2229, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services, (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: April 16, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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Surface Transportation Board¹

[STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 377X)]

Burlington Northern Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Thayer County, NE

Burlington Northern Railroad Company (BN) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon 12.15 miles of its line of railroad between milepost 24.00 near Bruning and milepost 32.20 near Hebron, including the station of Hebron at milepost 26.2, in Thayer County, NE.²

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to the Board's jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10903.

² BN has proposed a consummation date for the abandonment that is four months from the date of filing of its verified notice. This proposed consummation date is based on BN's reading of 49 U.S.C. 10904. The first sentence of 10904(c) provides, "Within 4 months after an application is filed under section 10903, any person may offer to subsidize or purchase the railroad line that is the subject of such application."

The Board recently addressed this provision in proposing revised abandonment regulations to implement 49 U.S.C. 10903-04, as established by the ICC Termination Act. In *Abandonment and*

BN has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted from the line; (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 reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 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 use of 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 May 23, 1996, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,³ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),⁴ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29⁵ must

Discontinuance of Rail Lines and Rail Transportation Under 49 U.S.C. 10903, STB Ex Parte No. 537 (STB served Mar. 15, 1996) slip op. at 10 [61 FR 11174, 11176 (Mar. 19, 1996)], the Board said, "We see the 4-month statutory deadline as an outer limit, which does not require us to delay resolution of proceedings where the entire time is not needed."

Based on the Board's statement, the exemption in this proceeding will be scheduled to become effective on May 23, 1996, or 50 days after BN's filing of its verified notice of exemption. This is consistent with the existing rules at 49 CFR 1152.50. Offers of financial assistance will be due according to deadlines established in this notice. Potential offerors will *not* have until 4 months after the notice was filed by BN with the Board to make an offer of financial assistance.

While the exemption is scheduled to take effect on May 23, 1996, BN may of course delay consummation until a later date.

³ 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 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.

⁴ See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

⁵ The Board will accept late-filed trail use requests so long as the abandonment has not been

be filed by May 3, 1996. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by May 13, 1996, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Sarah J. Whitley, General Attorney, Burlington Northern Railroad Company, 3800 Continental Plaza, 777 Main Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102-5384.

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

BN has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by April 26, 1996. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 3219, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling Elaine Kaiser, Chief of SEA, at (202) 927-6248. 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.

Decided: April 12, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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Surface Transportation Board¹

[STB Docket No. AB-469]

Jacksonville Port Authority; Adverse Discontinuance; In Duval County, FL

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.
ACTION: Exemption from statutory provisions concerning giving of notice of an application and filing of a system diagram map.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board is exempting the Jacksonville Port

consummated and the abandoning railroad is willing to negotiate an agreement.

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (the Act), which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10903.