

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*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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. 33294, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Robert P. vom Eigen, Esq., Hopkins & Sutter, 888 16th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006.

Decided: December 2, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.
Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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[STB Finance Docket No. 32984]

**Hastings Industrial Link Railroad—
Construction and Operation
Exemption—Hastings, NE**

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board conditionally exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 the construction and operation by Hastings Industrial Link Railroad of a 1-mile line of railroad, in Adams County, NE.

DATES: The exemption will not become effective until the environmental process is completed. Then, the Board will issue a further decision addressing the environmental matters and establishing an exemption effective date at that time, if appropriate. Petitions to reopen must be filed by December 30, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 32984, to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) Andrew P. Goldstein, Suite 1105, 1750

Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-5660. [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: December 2, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice
Chairman Simmons, Commissioner Owen.
Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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**UNITED STATES INFORMATION
AGENCY**

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: United States Information
Agency.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review;
comment request.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44
U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice
announces that the following
information collection activity has been
forwarded to the Office of Management
and Budget (OMB) for review and
comment. USIA is requesting approval
for revisions and a three-year extension
of an information collection entitled
"Certificate of eligibility for Exchange
Visitor Status (J-1 Visa)", under OMB
control number 3116-0008 which
expires January 31, 1996. This request
for comment is being made pursuant to
the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995
[Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)
(2) (A)].

The information collection activity
involved with the program is conducted
pursuant to the mandate given to the
United States Information Agency under
the terms and conditions of the Mutual
and Educational and Cultural Exchange
Act of 1961, Title 22 Code of Federal
Regulations (CFR), Section 514,
Exchange Visitor Program, Final Rule;
and Title 8, Section 101(a)(15) of the
Immigration and Nationality Act.

DATE: Comments are due on or before
January 9, 1997.

COPIES: Copies of the Request for
Clearance (OMB 83-I), supporting
statement, and other documents that
have been submitted to OMB for
approval may be obtained from the
USIA Clearance Officer. Comments
should be submitted to the Office of
Information and Regulatory Affairs of
OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for USIA,
and also to the USIA Clearance Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Agency Clearance Officer, Ms. Jeannette
Giovetti, United States Information
Agency, M/ADD, 301 Fourth Street,
S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547,
telephone (202) 619-4408, internet
address JGiovett@USIA.GOV; and OMB
review: Ms. Victoria Wassmer, Office of
Information And Regulatory Affairs,
Office of management and Budget, New
Executive Office Building, Docket
Library, Room 1002, NEOB,
Washington, D.C. 20503, Telephone
(202) 395-5871.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An
Agency may not conduct or sponsor,
and a person is not required to respond
to a collection of information unless it
displays a currently valid OMB control
number. The Federal Register Notice
with a 60-day comment period soliciting
comments on this collection of
information was published on October
10, 1996 (vol. 61, no. 198). Public
reporting burden for this collection of
information (Paper Work Reduction
Project: OMB No. 3116-0008) is
estimated to average 15 minutes per
response. Respondents are required to
respond only one time, including the
time for reviewing instructions,
searching existing data sources,
gathering and maintaining the data
needed, and completing and reviewing
the collection of information. Send
comments regarding this burden
estimate or any other aspect of this
collection of information, including
suggestions for reducing the burden, to
the United States Information Agency,
M/ADD, 301 Fourth Street, S.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20547; and to the
Office of Information and Regulatory
Affairs, Office of management and
Budget, New Executive Office Building,
Docket Library, Room 10202, NEOB,
Washington, D.C. 20503.

Current Actions: This information
collection has been submitted to OMB
for the purpose of requesting a three-
year extension and approval of revisions
to the form.

Title: "Certificate of Eligibility for
Exchange Visitor Status (J-1 Visa)".

Form Number: IAP-66.

Abstract: This information collection
is used by Exchange Visitor sponsors to
appropriately identify an individual

seeking to enter the U.S. as an exchange visitor. The completed form is sent to the prospective exchange visitor abroad, who takes it to the U.S. Consulate (Embassy) to secure an exchange visitor (J-1) visa.

Proposed Frequency of Responses:
No. of Respondents—200,000;
Recordkeeping Hours—.15; Total
Annual Burden—50,000.

Dated: December 4, 1996.

Rose Royal,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Wage Committee, Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with Pub. L. 92-463, gives notice that meetings of the VA Wage Committee will be held on:

Wednesday, January 15, 1997, at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 29, 1997, at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19, 1997, at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26, 1997, at 2:00 p.m.

The meetings will be held in Room 246, Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420.

The Committee's purpose is to advise the Under Secretary for Health on the development and authorization of wage schedules for Federal Wage System (blue-collar) employees.

At these meetings the Committee will consider wage survey specifications, wage survey data, local committee reports and recommendations, statistical analyses, and proposed wage schedules.

All portions of the meetings will be closed to the public because the matters considered are related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of

the Department of Veterans Affairs and because the wage survey data considered by the Committee have been obtained from officials of private business establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence. Closure of the meetings is in accordance with subsection 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, as amended by Pub. L. 94-409, and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (4).

However, members of the public are invited to submit material in writing to the Chairperson for the Committee's attention.

Additional information concerning these meetings may be obtained from the Chairperson, VA Wage Committee (05), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: December 4, 1996.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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