

### Pleadings Not Treated as Responsive Applications

A pleading styled as a "responsive application" was filed on October 21, 1997, in a sub-number docket (Sub-No. 74) under the STB Finance Docket No. 33388 lead docket by Congressman Dennis J. Kucinich. While titled as a responsive application, this pleading does not address the criteria for such applications as required under 49 CFR part 1180. Rather, this pleading constitutes a comment on, and a request for conditions with respect to, the CSX/NS/CR primary application, and we will treat it as such and will docket this pleading in the STB Finance Docket No. 33388 lead docket.

Certain additional pleadings styled as "responsive applications" were filed in the STB Finance Docket No. 33388 lead docket on or about October 21, 1997, by: Jacobs Industries Ltd.; the State of Delaware Department of Transportation; ASHTA Chemicals Inc.; Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board; and Resources Warehousing & Consolidation Services, Inc. Because these pleadings also do not satisfy the 49 CFR part 1180 requirements applicable to responsive applications, we will treat these pleadings as comments on, and/or requests for conditions with respect to, the CSX/NS/CR primary application.

### Additional Pleadings Treated as Filed in Lead Docket

Certain additional pleadings filed on or about October 21, 1997, though not labeled "responsive applications," were filed in various sub-number dockets under the STB Finance Docket No. 33388 lead docket by: Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (in Sub-No. 37); New Jersey Department of Transportation and New Jersey Transit Corporation (in Sub-No. 38); the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (in Sub-No. 42); Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc., Allegheny & Eastern Railroad, Inc., Rochester & Southern Railroad, Inc., and Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad, Inc. (in Sub-Nos. 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, and 56); the Eastern Shore Railroad, Inc. (in Sub-No. 57); Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company (in Sub-No. 64); Housatonic Railroad Company, Inc. (in Sub-No. 70); the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Delaware and Hudson Railway Company, Inc., Soo Line Railroad Company, and St. Lawrence & Hudson Railway Company Limited (in Sub-No. 85); and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (in

Sub-No. 86). Because these pleadings contain comments on, and/or requests for conditions with respect to, the CSX/NS/CR primary application, they will be docketed in, and they will be treated as having been filed in, the STB Finance Docket No. 33388 lead docket.

### Electronic Submissions

In addition to submitting an original and 25 paper copies of each document filed with the Board, parties are also requested to submit, on diskettes (3.5-inch IBM-compatible floppies) or compact discs, one electronic copy of each such document. Textual materials must be in, or be convertible by and into, WordPerfect 7.0. Spreadsheets must be in, or be convertible by and into, Lotus 1-2-3 Version 7.<sup>18</sup> Each diskette or compact disc should be clearly labeled with the identification acronym and number of the corresponding paper document, see 49 CFR 1180.4(a)(2), and a copy of such diskette or compact disc should be provided to any other party upon request. The data contained on the diskettes and compact discs submitted to the Board will be subject to the protective order applicable to this proceeding,<sup>19</sup> and will be for the exclusive use of Board employees reviewing substantive and/or procedural matters in this proceeding. The flexibility provided by such computer data will facilitate timely review by the Board and its staff.<sup>20</sup>

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

#### *It is ordered:*

1. The responsive applications in STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-Nos. 35, 36, 39, 59, 61, 62, 63, 69, 72, 75, 76, 77, 78, 80, and 81), and the notice of exemption in STB Finance Docket No.

<sup>18</sup> Parties intending to submit spreadsheets in formats other than Lotus 1-2-3 Version 7 may wish to consult with our staff regarding such submissions. Some (though not all) spreadsheets prepared in other formats, though perhaps not convertible by and into Lotus 1-2-3 Version 7, may nevertheless be useable by our staff. For further information, contact Julia M. Farr, (202) 565-1613.

<sup>19</sup> The protective order governing this proceeding was entered in Decision No. 1 (served April 16, 1997), and has been modified, in minor respects, in Decision Nos. 4, 15, 22, and 46 (served May 2, 1997, August 1, 1997, August 21, 1997, and October 17, 1997, respectively).

<sup>20</sup> The electronic submission requirements set forth in this decision supersede, for the purposes of this proceeding, the otherwise applicable electronic submission requirements set forth in our regulations. See 49 CFR 1104.3(a), as amended in *Expedited Procedures for Processing Rail Rate Reasonableness, Exemption and Revocation Proceedings*, STB Ex Parte No. 527, 61 FR 52710, 52711 (Oct. 8, 1996), 61 FR 58490, 58491 (Nov. 15, 1996).

33388 (Sub-No. 83), are accepted for consideration, and are consolidated for disposition with the primary application in STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (and all embraced proceedings).

2. The parties shall comply with all provisions as stated above.

3. This decision is effective on November 20, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Decided: November 12, 1997.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**November 10, 1997.**

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

### Bureau of the Public Debt (BPD)

*OMB Number:* 1535-0089.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Implementing Regulations: Government Securities Act of 1986, As Amended.

*Description:* The regulations require government securities broker/dealers to make and keep certain records concerning government securities activities, to submit financial reports and make certain disclosures to investors. The regulations also require financial depository institutions to keep certain records of non-fiduciary custodial holdings of government securities. The regulations and associated collections are fundamental to customer protection and financial responsibility.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Recordkeepers:* 35,506.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion, Monthly, Quarterly, Annually, Other (one-time file).

*Estimated Total Recordkeeping Burden:* 393,667 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Vicki S. Thorpe (304) 480-6553, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, West VA 26106-1328.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Lois K. Holland,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

November 13, 1997.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20220.

### Correction

This is a correction to FR Doc. 97-29313, Filed 11-05-97; 8:45 a.m., for a Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service information collection. The corrected information is as follows:

*OMB Number:* 1545-0946.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 8554.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Application for Renewal of Enrollment to Practice Before the Internal Revenue Service.

The OMB Number was incorrectly typed as 1545-0794.

**Lois K. Holland,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 14, 1997.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed.

Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

### Special Request

In order to conduct the survey described below in December 1997 timeframe, the Department of the Treasury is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approve this information collection by November 26, 1997. To obtain a copy of this study, please contact the Internal Revenue Service Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

*OMB Number:* 1545-1432.

*Project Number:* M:SP:V 97-028-G.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Atlanta District Office Research and Analysis (DORA) Automated Collection Branch (ACS)—Conflict Management Initiative (CMI) Telephone Survey.

*Description:* The goal is to use this strategy to help IRS meet its business objectives and improve the quality of work life for its employees.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,280.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Response:* 3 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Other (one time only).

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 64 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20224.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

### Modification of National Customs Automation Program Test Regarding Reconciliation

**AGENCY:** Customs Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of additional comment period.

**SUMMARY:** A notice published in the **Federal Register** on September 30, 1997, announced changes to Customs prototype test of Reconciliation. Public comments were requested by November 14, 1997. This document sets an additional comment period for submitting comments on that notice.

**DATES:** Written comments regarding the notice of September 30, 1997, are now being accepted through December 15, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Ms. Shari McCann, Reconciliation Team, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Mailstop 5.2A, Washington, D.C. 20229-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Shari McCann at (202) 927-1106 or Mr. Don Luther at (202) 927-0915.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

A document published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 51181) on September 30, 1997, notified the trade community of changes to the prototype National Customs Automation Program test of reconciliation, set forth the policy which makes the NCAP prototype the exclusive means to reconcile entries pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1484(b) and announced that the prototype will henceforth be referred to as the Automated Commercial System (ACS) Reconciliation Prototype. That notice invited public comments concerning any aspect of the planned test, informed interested members of the public of the requirements for voluntary participation, and established the process for developing evaluation criteria.

Public comments were requested by November 14, 1997. Due to a public meeting (see notice published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 58769) published on October 30, 1997) which included discussions of the Prototype, an additional comment period is being granted to allow persons to comment with these discussions in mind. Comments are now being requested by December 15, 1997.