

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 33566]

City of Tacoma and Beltline Division of Tacoma Public Utilities; Change in Operator Exemption; Tacoma Eastern Railway Company

City of Tacoma (City), WA,¹ has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 for Beltline Division of Tacoma Public Utilities to operate approximately 131.5 miles of City rail line in Pierce, Thurston, and Lewis Counties, WA: (1) between milepost 2192.0, at Tacoma, and milepost 17.7, at Chehalis; and (2) between milepost 2192.0, at Tacoma, and milepost 64.2, at Morton. The lines have been operated previously by Tacoma Eastern Railway Company.

Because the projected revenues of the rail lines to be operated will exceed \$5 million, City has certified to the Board that the required notice of its change in operators was posted at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines on March 11, 1998. See 49 CFR 1150.42(e). The earliest the transaction can be consummated is May 18, 1998, the effective date of the exemption (60 days after City's March 19, 1998 certification to the Board).²

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding 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. 33566, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on City of Tacoma, Office of City Attorney, 747 Market Street, Room 1120, Tacoma, WA 98402-3767.

Decided: March 23, 1998.

¹ Applicant represents that the Charter of the City divides its operations into Public Utilities and General Government. The General Government portion of the City evidently owns the lines discussed in this notice and is negotiating with the Public Utilities portion of the City, which is evidently responsible for operations.

² The City's representative has acknowledged by telephone that the earliest the transaction can go forward is May 18, 1998.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

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 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Notice of Change in Status of Plant.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 1, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Jim Ficareta, Regulations Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Notice of Change in Status of Plant.

OMB Number: 1512-0202.

Form Number: ATF F 5110.34.

Abstract: ATF F 5110.34 is necessary to show the use of distilled spirits plant premises for other activities or by alternating proprietors. It describes the proprietor's use of plant premises and other information to show that the change in plant status is in conformity with laws and regulations.

Current Actions: There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,000.

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.

Dated: March 24, 1998.

William T. Earle,

Assistant Director (Management)/CFO.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

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 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Tax Deferral Bond—Distilled Spirits (Puerto Rico).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 1, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Marjorie Ruhf, Regulations Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8202.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Tax Deferral Bond—Distilled Spirits (Puerto Rico).

OMB Number: 1512-0209.

Form Number: ATF F 5110.50.

Abstract: A manufacturer who ships distilled spirits from Puerto Rico to the U.S. may either choose to pay the tax prior to shipment or file a bond and defer payment of taxes. ATF F 5110.50 is the bond form which a manufacturer in Puerto Rico must file if such manufacturer elects to defer the taxes for payment on a semi-monthly tax return system. The form may be destroyed 5 years after discontinuance of business or after all outstanding liabilities have been satisfied, or after elimination of the requirement for the bond.

Current Actions: The filing address has been changed and the title of Regional Director (Compliance) has been deleted on the form.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10.

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.

Dated: March 24, 1998.

William T. Earle,

Assistant Director (Management)/CFO.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 6118

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 6118, Claim of Income Tax Return Preparers.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 1, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 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 Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Claim of Income Tax Return Preparers.

OMB Number: 1545-0240.

Form Number: 6118.

Abstract: Form 6118 is used by tax return preparers to file for a refund of penalties incorrectly charged. The information enables the IRS to process the claim and have the refund issued to the tax return preparer.

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 and individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 59 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 9,900.

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: March 23, 1998.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 6197

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