

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Research and Special Programs Administration**

[Docket: RSPA-98-4957: Notice 4]

Information Collection; Request for Comment**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.**ACTION:** Request for comments and OMB approval.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, RSPA published a notice in the **Federal Register** to announce the Research and Special Programs Administration's request to renew an information collection in support of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) for Customer Owned Service Lines. RSPA's information collection concerns a pipeline safety regulation that requires gas service line operators who do not maintain certain customer piping to notify the customers of the need to maintain the piping. One comment was received. This comment was with regard to a definition of service lines. The operator of this particular line is not subject to this regulation. This notice gives the public an additional 30 day comment period.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 1, 1999, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this information collection can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Customer-Owned Service Lines.

OMB Number: 2137-0594.

Type of Request: Existing information collection.

Abstract: RSPA regulation (49 CFR 192.16) requires operators of gas service lines who do not maintain buried customer piping up to building walls or certain other locations to notify their customers of the need to maintain that piping. Congress directed DOT to take this action in view of service line accidents. By advising customers of the need to maintain their buried gas piping, the notices may reduce the risk of further accidents.

In addition, each operator must make the following records available for

inspection by RSPA or a State agency participating under 49 U.S.C. 60105 or 60106: (1) A copy of the notice currently in use; and (2) evidence that notices have been sent to customers within the previous 3 years.

Estimate of Burden: Minimal.

Respondents: Gas transmission and distribution operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,590.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 350.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 9,137 hours.

Comments are invited on: (a) The need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

Send comments to Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer for the Department of Transportation.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC on May 26, 1999.

Jeffrey D. Wiese,

Program Development Manager, Office of Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Research and Special Programs Administration**

[Docket RSPA-99-4957; Notice 3]

Information Collection; Request for Comments

ACTION: Request for Comments and OMB Approval.

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, RSPA published a notice in the **Federal Register** to announce the Research and

Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) request to renew an information collection in support of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) for Excess Flow Valves (EFV) Customer Notification. Comments were requested from the public. No comments were received. The public is being given another 30 days to provide comments on this information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 1, 1999, to ensure consideration.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this information collection can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20950, telephone (202) 366-1640 or e-mail marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Excess Flow Valves, Customer Notification.

OMB Number: 2137-0593.

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. 60110 directed DOT to prescribe regulations requiring operators to notify customers in writing about EFV availability, the safety benefits derived from installation, and the costs associated with installation. The regulations provide that, except where installation is already required, the operator will install an EFV that meet prescribed performance criteria at the customer's request, if the customer pays for the installation.

Estimate of Burden: The average burden hours per response is.

Respondents: Gas Distribution Pipeline Operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1590.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 82,500 hours.

Comments are invited on: (a) The need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated,

electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

Send comments to Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer for the Department of Transportation. All comments will be a matter of public record.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC on May 26, 1999.

Jeffrey D. Wiese,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33748]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) over BNSF's rail line between Shawnee Jct., WY, at milepost 117.1 (Orin Subdivision) and Northport, NE, at milepost 33.8 (Angora Subdivision), a distance of 146.4 miles.¹

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on June 13, 1999.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to permit UP to use the BNSF trackage when UP's trackage is out of service for scheduled maintenance.

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. 33748, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Joseph D. Anthofer, 1416 Dodge Street, #830, Omaha, NE 68179.

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Decided:

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33749]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) over BNSF's rail line known as the Madill Subdivision between Carrollton, TX, BNSF milepost 700.17, and South Joe, TX, BNSF milepost 633.0, a total distance of approximately 67.5 miles.¹

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after June 21, 1999.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to permit UP to use the BNSF trackage when UP's trackage is out of service for maintenance.

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. 33749, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Joseph D. Anthofer, Esq., 1416 Dodge Street, #830, Omaha, NE 68179.

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Decided: May 25, 1999.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request For Forms SS-4 and SS-4PR

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, and Form SS-4PR, Solicitud de Numero de Identificación Patronal (EIN).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 2, 1999 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 forms and instructions

¹ On May 21, 1999, UP filed a petition for exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 33748 (Sub-No. 1), *Union Pacific Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company*, wherein UP requests that the Board permit the proposed overhead trackage rights arrangement described in the present proceeding to expire on June 29, 1999. That petition will be addressed by the Board in a separate decision.

¹ On May 21, 1999, UP filed a petition for exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 33749 (Sub-No. 1), *Union Pacific Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company*, wherein UP requests that the Board permit the proposed overhead trackage rights arrangement described in the present proceeding to expire on August 28, 1999. That petition will be addressed by the Board in a separate decision.