

South Bend, St. Joseph County, Ind., extending easterly from milepost PY 1.90 (near the intersection of Prairie Ave. and Edward St.) to milepost PY 2.60/PM 181.80 (near Franklin St. and W Indiana Ave.), and from there southward to milepost PM 181.00 (to the west of W Woodside St.) (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 46613 and 46614.

NSR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years and that overhead traffic, if there were any, could be rerouted over other lines; (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 Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(c) (environmental report), 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 this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 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 December 6, 2013, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be

<sup>1</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. 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.

<sup>2</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,600. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

filed by November 18, 2013.<sup>3</sup> Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by November 26, 2013, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to NSR's representative: Robert A. Wimbish, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

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

NSR has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by November 8, 2013. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to OEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423–0001) or by calling OEA at (202) 245–0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. 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.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), NSR shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the Line. If consummation has not been effected by NSR's filing of a notice of consummation by November 6, 2014, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov).

Decided: By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Derrick A. Gardner,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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<sup>3</sup> NSR states that it may not have fee title to the entire rights-of-way for the Line, which could affect future public use should NSR consummate the proposed abandonment.

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35776]

#### Union Pacific Railroad Company— Operation Exemption—In Bexar and Wilson Counties, Tex.

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), a Class I rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to operate as a rail common carrier over approximately 7,391 feet of track between milepost 16.1 and milepost 17.5 in Bexar and Wilson Counties, Tex. (the Line).

According to UP, the Line lies entirely within a right-of-way formerly occupied by a line of railroad that was abandoned in 1994 by UP's predecessor, the Southern Pacific Transportation Company. UP states that following the abandonment, the track and ties were removed but UP retained ownership of the right-of-way, which has not been used for any non-rail purposes.

According to UP, in 2012, it was approached by a potential customer, Frac Resources, LP (Frac Resources), interested in reinstating rail service on the Line, and, in order to facilitate rail service to its desired location on the Line, Frac Resources constructed 7,391 feet of track to reach its facility. UP states that as plans for rail service developed, the parties determined that the best course of action was for UP to operate the Line as a rail common carrier due primarily to the potential for additional customers on the Line. To this end, UP purchased the Line from Frac Resources.<sup>1</sup>

The earliest the transaction can be consummated is November 20, 2013, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the exemption was filed).

If the verified 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 effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions to stay must be filed no later than November 13, 2013 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35776, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In

<sup>1</sup> According to UP, at the time of the purchase the Line was properly classified either as excepted track pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10906 or a private track outside the Board's jurisdiction. Thus, UP asserts that Board authority was not needed for UP to purchase the Line.

addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Jeremy M. Berman, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1400 Douglas St., STOP 1580, Omaha, NE 68179.

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Decided: October 31, 2013.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Fiscal Service Bureau of the Fiscal Service**

**Fee Schedule for the Transfer of U.S. Treasury Book-Entry Securities Held on the National Book-Entry System**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury (Treasury) is announcing a

new fee schedule applicable to transfers of U.S. Treasury book-entry securities maintained on the National Book-Entry System (NBES) that occur on or after January 2, 2014.

**DATES:** Effective January 2, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kristina Yeh, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, 202-504-3550.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Treasury has established a fee structure for the transfer of Treasury book-entry securities maintained on NBES.

Treasury reassesses this fee structure periodically based on our review of the latest book-entry costs and volumes.

For each Treasury securities transfer or reversal sent or received on or after January 2, 2014, the basic fee will be unchanged at \$0.56. The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Federal Reserve) will increase its fee for Federal Reserve funds movement from \$0.09 to \$0.11. This will result in a combined fee of \$0.67 for each transfer of Treasury book-entry securities. The surcharge for an off-line Treasury book-entry securities transfer will remain at \$40.00. Off-line refers to the sending and receiving of transfer

messages to or from a Federal Reserve Bank by means other than on-line access, such as by written, facsimile, or telephone voice instruction. The basic transfer fee assessed to both sends and receives is reflective of costs associated with the processing of securities transfers. The off-line surcharge reflects the additional processing costs associated with the manual processing of off-line securities transfers.

Treasury does not charge a fee for account maintenance, the stripping and reconstitution of Treasury securities, the wires associated with original issues, or interest and redemption payments. Treasury currently absorbs these costs.

The fees described in this notice apply only to the transfer of Treasury book-entry securities held on NBES. Information concerning fees for book-entry transfers of Government Agency securities, which are priced by the Federal Reserve, is set out in a separate **Federal Register** notice published by the Federal Reserve.

The following is the Treasury fee schedule that will take effect on January 2, 2014, for book-entry transfers on NBES:

**TREASURY-NBES FEE SCHEDULE <sup>1</sup>**  
[Effective January 2, 2014 (in dollars)]

Transfer type	Basic fee	Off-line surcharge	Funds <sup>2</sup> movement fee	Total fee
On-line transfer originated .....	0.56	N/A	0.11	0.67
On-line transfer received .....	0.56	N/A	0.11	0.67
On-line reversal transfer originated .....	0.56	N/A	0.11	0.67
On-line reversal transfer received .....	0.56	N/A	0.11	0.67
Off-line transfer originated .....	0.56	40.00	0.11	40.67
Off-line transfer received .....	0.56	40.00	0.11	40.67
Off-line account switch received .....	0.56	0.00	0.11	0.67
Off-line reversal transfer originated .....	0.56	40.00	0.11	40.67
Off-line reversal transfer received .....	0.56	40.00	0.11	40.67

<sup>1</sup> Treasury does not charge a fee for account maintenance, the stripping and reconstituting of Treasury securities, the wires associated with original issues, or interest and redemption payments. Treasury currently absorbs these costs.

<sup>2</sup> The funds movement fee is not a Treasury fee, but is charged by the Federal Reserve for the cost of moving funds associated with the transfer of a Treasury book-entry security.

**Authority:** 31 CFR 357.45.

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**Richard L. Gregg,**

*Fiscal Assistant Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Amendment to System of Records.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e), notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending the system of records currently entitled “Veterans Appellate Records System—VA” (44VA01) established at 40 FR 38095 (8/26/75) and revised at 53 FR 46741-03 (11/18/88), 56 FR 15663-03 (4/17/91), 63 FR 37941-02 (7/14/98), 66 FR 47725-02 (9/13/01), and 70 FR 6079-02, (2/4/05). VA is amending the system by revising the Storage and

Retention and Disposal sections and adding six routine uses.

**DATES:** Comments on the amendment of this system of records must be received no later than December 6, 2013. If no public comment is received, the amended system will become effective December 6, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov); by mail or hand-delivery to: Director, Regulation Policy and Management (02REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Room 1068, Washington, DC 20420; or by fax to (202) 273-9026. All comments received will be available