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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Katherine Cooper, Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, West Building 6th Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-3843 email: katherine.cooper@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Title II, section 207 of the E-Government Act of 2002 requires Government agencies to improve the methods by which government information, including information on the Internet, is organized, preserved, and made accessible to the public. To meet this goal, FMCSA plans to provide a survey on the FMCSA Portal, allowing users to assess its functionality. This functionality includes the capability for Federal, State, and industry users to access the Agency's existing safety IT systems with a single set of credentials and have easy access to safety data about the companies that do business with FMCSA. The Information Technology program will also focus on improving the accuracy of data to help ensure information, such as carrier name and address, is valid and reliable.

FMCSA's legacy information systems are currently operational. However, having this many stand-alone systems has led to data quality concerns, a need for excessive IDs and passwords, and significant operational and maintenance costs. Integrating our information technologies with our business processes will, in turn, improve our operations considerably, particularly in terms of data quality, ease of use, and reduction of maintenance costs.

In early 2007, FMCSA's Information Technology program launched a series of releases of a new FMCSA Portal to its Federal, State and industry customers. Over the coming years, more than 15 releases are planned. These releases will use portal technology to fuse and provide numerous services and functions via a single user interface and provide tailored services that seek to

meet the needs of specific constituencies within our customer universe.

The FMCSA Information Technology Services Survey Portal will entail considerable expenditure of Federal Government dollars over the years and will fundamentally impact the nature of the relationship between the Agency and its Federal, State, and industry customers. Consequently, the Agency intends to conduct regular and ongoing assessments of customer satisfaction with the Information Technology Services Survey.

The primary purposes of this assessment are to:

- Determine the extent to which the FMCSA Portal functionality continues to meet the needs of Agency customers;
- Identify and prioritize additional modifications; and
- Determine the extent that the FMCSA Portal has impacted FMCSA's relationships with its main customer groups.

The assessment will address:

- Overall customer satisfaction;
- Customer satisfaction against specific items;
- Performance of systems integrator against agreed objectives;
- Desired adjustments and modifications to systems;
- Demonstrated value of investment to FMCSA and DOT;
- Items about the FMCSA Portal that customers like best; and
- Customer ideas for making the FMCSA Portal better.

Title: Information Technology Services Survey Portal Customer Satisfaction Assessment.

OMB Control Number: 2126-0042.

Type of Request: Extension of the currently-approved information collection request.

Respondents: Federal, State, and industry customers/users.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,392.

Estimated Time per Response: Five (5) minutes.

Expiration Date: 05/31/2016.

Frequency of Response: 4 times per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 283 hours [91 hours (273 industry user respondents \times 5 minutes/60 minutes to complete survey \times 4 times per year) + 192 hours (575 Federal and State government respondents \times 5 minutes/60 minutes to complete survey \times 4 times per year) = 283].

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the agency to perform its

mission; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Issued under the authority of 49 CFR 1.87 on: October 20, 2015.

G. Kelly Regal,

Associate Administrator for Office of Research and Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2015-0007-N-27]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the renewal Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on August 5, 2015.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 27, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Brogan, Safety Regulatory Analysis Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590 (Telephone: (202) 493-6292), or Ms. Kimberly Toone, Office of Information Technology, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (Telephone: (202) 493-6132). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104-13, sec. 2, 109

Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), and 1320.12. On August 5, 2015, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comment on ICR that the agency is seeking OMB approval. See 80 FR 35712. FRA received one comment in response to this notice.

The Association of American Railroads submitted a comment on October 5 on behalf of its member railroads and itself. In its letter, AAR recommended four changes to the PTC Implementation Status Update Questionnaire. First, AAR recommended that FRA adjust its estimate of the amount of time required to fill out each questionnaire/form (Form FRA F 6180.162).

Second, AAR/its members recommended that FRA “clarify the second survey question,” which relates to the “current number of full mission capable PTC equipped locomotives completely implemented under the regulation.” In particular, “the railroads recommend that FRA specify that this question pertains to the locomotives which have been fully equipped with PTC hardware.”

Third, AAR/its members recommended that “FRA clarify the fourth survey question,” which relates to the “. . . current number of fully mission capable PTC equipped track segments completely implemented under the regulations. The railroads recommend that FRA refer to track miles instead of the unclear reference to ‘track segment.’”

Last, AAR stated “the railroads request that FRA ensures that the comment box for the fourteenth question be large enough to accept substantial comments regarding the status of each individual railroad’s PTC implementation status.”

Regarding AAR’s first recommendation, FRA based its estimate on the average amount of time that it would take all railroads—Class I, Class II, Class III, and passenger railroads—to complete the questionnaire each month on an ongoing basis. FRA realizes that it might take some railroads longer than the estimated average amount of time to complete the questionnaire. However, FRA does not agree with AAR’s comment that it will take all affected railroads an average of three hours each month to complete the questionnaire.

FRA believes that 30 minutes is a more accurate estimate of the average amount of time that it will take railroads to complete the questionnaire on a recurring monthly basis. Accordingly, FRA is modifying its estimate to reflect this higher number.

Regarding AAR’s second recommendation relating to the second survey question, FRA is modifying footnote number 2 of the questionnaire to make clear that this question pertains to locomotives fully equipped with PTC hardware and software.

Regarding AAR’s third recommendation, FRA is taking a flexible approach and is modifying footnote number 3 of the questionnaire to state that railroads use a uniform unit of measurement that is consistent for the fourth survey question. Thus, track miles would be fine as a uniform unit of measurement.

Last, regarding AAR’s recommendation about enlarging the comment box for the fourteenth question, FRA is expanding the comment box to the maximum number of characters permitted on the electronic version of the questionnaire/form.

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30 day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b)–(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); see also 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes that the 30 day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect. 5 CFR 1320.12(c); see also 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995.

The summary below describes the nature of the information collection request (ICR) and the expected burden. The revised request is being submitted for clearance by OMB as required by the PRA.

Title: PTC Implementation Status Update Questionnaire.

OMB Control Number: 2130–0612.

Abstract: The statutory and regulatory deadline for Positive Train Control (PTC) system implementation is December 31, 2015. Congress and FRA are concerned that the railroads will not make the mandated deadline. To date, the vast majority of railroads have not submitted, in accordance with 49 CFR

236.1009 and 236.1015, a PTC Safety Plan (PTCSP) and have not submitted, in accordance with 49 CFR 236.1035, a request for testing approval to support a PTCSP, which is necessary to achieve PTC System Certification and operate in revenue service. So that Congress and FRA may better understand the status of each railroad’s implementation efforts and be able to monitor affected railroads progress on a continuing basis until full implementation is achieved, FRA is seeking accurate and up-to-date information under its investigative authority pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107, and 20902, and 49 CFR 236.1009(h). The railroads’ responses will also be used for compliance purposes.

On July 24, 2015, OMB granted Emergency Processing approval for the PTC Implementation Status Update Questionnaire information collection for a period of 180 days. This approval currently expires on January 31, 2016. FRA is now seeking a three-year approval under Regular Clearance Procedures from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Type of Request: Extension with Change of an Approved Information Collection previously approved under Emergency Processing Procedures.

Affected Public: Businesses (Railroads).

Form(s): FRA F 6180.162.

Total Annual Estimated Responses: 456.

Total Annual Estimated Burden: 228 hours.

Addressee: Send comments regarding these information collections to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FRA Desk Officer. Comments may also be sent via email to OMB at the following address: oir_submissions@omb.eop.gov.

Comments are invited on the following: Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department’s estimates of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it

within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 20, 2015.

Corey Hill,

Acting Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 1236X]

New York & Atlantic Railway Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Queens County, N.Y.

On October 7, 2015, New York & Atlantic Railway Company (NYA) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to discontinue freight operations over the following two segments of rail line: (1) An approximately 0.69-mile segment located between milepost 0.0 and milepost 0.69, in Long Island City, N.Y., and traversing through United States Postal Service Zip Code 11101 and (2) an approximately 0.38-mile segment located between milepost 0.82 and milepost 1.2, in Long Island City, N.Y., and traversing through United States Postal Service Zip Code 11101 (collectively, the Subject Segments).

NYA is not the owner of the Subject Segments. Long Island Railroad Company (LIRR), is the owner of the Subject Segments, and has advised NYA that, based on information in LIRR's possession, the Subject Segments do not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in NYA's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment proceeding, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate.

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by January 25, 2016.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) to

subsidize continued rail service will be due no later than February 4, 2016, or 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption, whichever occurs first. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,600 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to Docket No. AB 1236X and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001; and (2) Rose-Michele Nardi, Transport Counsel, PC, 1701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006. Replies to the petition are due on or before November 16, 2015.

Persons seeking further information concerning discontinuance procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245–0238 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) at (202) 245–0305.

Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at “WWW.STB.DOT.GOV.”

Decided: October 22, 2015.

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

Andrea Pope-Matheson,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 303 (Sub-No. 47X)]

Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Abandonment Exemption—in Lincoln County, Wis.

Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Canadian National Railway Company has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR pt. 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 0.49 miles of railroad line (the Line). The Line extends between mileposts 132.89 and 133.38, in Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wis., and traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 54487.

WCL has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the Line that would have to 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 become effective on November 26, 2015, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and interim trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by November 6, 2015. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by November 16, 2015, 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 WCL's representative: Audrey L. Brodrick, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 N. Wacker Dr., Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606.

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

WCL has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the effects, if any, of the

¹ 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.

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