

projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier.²

If the 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34660, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Andrew B. Kolesar III, 1224 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: February 25, 2005.

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 Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 225X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Cerro Gordo County, IA

On February 11, 2005, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed with the Surface Transportation Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a line of railroad, known as the Thornton Industrial Lead, from milepost 2.0 near Flint, IA to milepost 17.14 near Thornton, IA, a distance of 15.14 miles, in Cerro Gordo County, IA. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 50477 and 50479 and includes the stations of Thornton, Swaledale, and Burchinal.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in UP's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

² Georgia Central also stated that its projected annual revenues following the transaction will exceed \$5 million, but it requested waiver of the 60-day advance labor notice requirement at 49 CFR 1150.42(e). That request is being addressed by the Board in a separate decision. The Board's decision on the request will affect the effective date of the exemption and hence the date on which the transaction could be consummated.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment-Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by June 1, 2005.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,200 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than March 23, 2005. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$200 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 225X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Mack H. Shumate, Jr., 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920, Chicago, IL 60606. Replies to the petition are due on or before March 23, 2005.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 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 Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1539. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.)

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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Decided: February 23, 2005.

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

Recruitment Notice for the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice for recruitment of IRS Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) members and alternates.

DATES: April 1–April 29, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Coston at 202-622-5007.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given the Department of Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are inviting individuals to help improve the nation's tax agency by applying to be members and alternates of the TAP. The mission of the TAP is to provide citizen input into enhancing IRS customer satisfaction and service by identifying problems and making recommendations for improvement with IRS systems and procedures; and elevating the identified problems to the appropriate IRS official. The TAP serves as an advisory body to the Secretary of the Treasury, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the National Taxpayer Advocate. TAP members will participate in subcommittees comprised of 10 to 17 members who channel their feedback to the IRS.

The IRS is seeking applicants who have an interest in good government, a personal commitment to volunteer approximately 300 to 500 hours a year, and a desire to help improve IRS customer service. To the extent possible, the IRS would like to ensure a balanced TAP membership representing a cross-section of the taxpaying public throughout the United States. Potential candidates must be U.S. citizens, compliant with Federal, State and Local taxes, and be able to pass a background investigation.

For the TAP to be most effective, members should have experience in some of the following areas: experience helping people resolve problems with a government organization; experience formulating and presenting proposals; knowledge of taxpayer concerns; experience representing the interests of your community, state or region;

experience working with people from diverse backgrounds; and experience in helping people resolve disputes.

Interested applicants should visit the TAP Web site at <http://www.improveirs.org> to complete the on-line application or call the toll free number, 1-866-912-1227 to complete the initial phone screen and request that an application be mailed. The opening date for submission will be April 1, 2005, and the deadline for returning applications will be April 29, 2005. The most qualified candidates will complete a panel interview. Finalists will be ranked by experience and suitability. The Secretary of Treasury will review the recommended candidates and make final selections.

Questions regarding the selection of TAP members may be directed to Bernard Coston, Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 7704, Washington, DC 20224, (202) 622-5007.

Dated: February 28, 2005.

Martha Curry,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request—Procedures for Monitoring Bank Secrecy Act

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before April 4, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to OMB and OTS at these addresses: Mark D. Menchik, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or e-mail to mmenchik@omb.eop.gov; and Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, by fax to (202) 906-6518, or by e-mail to

infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov. OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at <http://www.ots.treas.gov>. In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to publicinfo@ots.treas.gov, or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the submission to OMB, contact Marilyn K. Burton at marilyn.burton@ots.treas.gov, (202) 906-6467, or facsimile number (202) 906-6518, Regulations and Legislation Division, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

Title of Proposal: Procedures for Monitoring Bank Secrecy Act.

OMB Number: 1550-0041.

Form Number: N/A.

Regulation requirement: 12 CFR 563.177.

Description: This report enables OTS to determine whether a savings association has implemented a program reasonably designed to assure and monitor compliance with the currency recordkeeping and reporting requirements established by Federal Statute and the U.S. Department of Treasury regulations.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Affected Public: Savings Associations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 891.

Estimated Burden Hours per Response: 28 hours.

Estimated Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Burden: 24,948 hours.

Clearance Officer: Marilyn K. Burton, (202) 906-6467, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

OMB Reviewer: Mark D. Menchik, (202) 395-3176, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: February 25, 2005.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

James E. Gilleran,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Notice of Intent To Grant an Exclusive License

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Research and Development.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Research and Development, intends to grant to Three Rivers Holdings, LLC, 1826 W. Broadway Rd., Suite 43, Mesa, AZ, USA an exclusive license to practice U.S. Patent Application Serial No.10/316,087 filed December 11, 2002, entitled "Oblique Angled Suspension Caster Fork for Wheelchairs".

DATES: Comments must be received within fifteen (15) days from the date of this published Notice.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Sal Sheredos, Acting Director of Technology Transfer, Department of Veterans Affairs; Office of Research and Development Attn: 12TT; 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Telephone: (202) 254-0255; Facsimile: (202) 254-0473; e-mail: saleem@vard.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the published patent applications may be obtained from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at <http://www.uspto.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Three Rivers Holdings, LLC, submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within fifteen (15) days from the date of this published Notice, the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Research and Development receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.