

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to Conrail's representative: John K. Enright, Associate General Counsel, Consolidated Rail Corporation, 1000 Howard Boulevard, 4th Floor, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054.

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

Conrail has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by October 25, 2005. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1539. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] 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), Conrail 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 Conrail's filing of a notice of consummation by October 20, 2006, 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 <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: October 13, 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 Finance Docket No. 34730]

#### James George and J&JG Holding Company, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Saginaw Bay Southern Railway Company

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** The Board grants an exemption, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323-25 for James George and J&JG Holding Company, a noncarrier (collectively, Petitioners), to continue in control of Saginaw Bay Southern Railway Company (SBS), upon SBS's becoming a rail carrier pursuant to a related transaction involving the acquisition and operation of a line of CSX Transportation, Inc.<sup>1</sup> Petitioners control a Class III carrier, Lake State Railway Company (Lake State), operating in Michigan. One of Lake State's lines connects near Bay City, MI, with the line to be acquired by SBS in the related transaction.

**DATES:** This exemption will be effective on October 28, 2005. Petitions to stay must be filed by October 21, 2005. Petitions to reopen must be filed by October 25, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Send an original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34730, to: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of pleadings to Andrew B. Kolesar III, Slover & Loftus, 1224 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 565-1609 [assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339].

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, e-mail or call: ASAP Document Solutions, 9332 Annapolis Rd., Suite 103, Lanham, MD 20706; e-mail [asapdc@verizon.net](mailto:asapdc@verizon.net); telephone (202) 306-4004. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS at 1-800-877-8339].

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Decided: October 14, 2005.

By the Board, Chairman Nober, Vice Chairman Buttrey, and Commissioner Mulvey.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Saginaw Bay Southern Railway Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Rail Line of CSX Transportation, Inc.*, [STB Finance Docket No. 34729] (STB served September 27, 2005).

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 14, 2005.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before November 21, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

#### Financial Management Service

*OMB Number:* 1510-0057.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Annual Letters—Certificate of Authority (A) and Admitted Reinsurer (B).

*Description:* Annual letters sent to insurance companies providing surety bonds to protect the U.S. or companies providing reinsurance to the U.S. Information is needed for renewal of certified companies and their underwriting limitations and of admitted reinsurers.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 13,674 hour.

*Clearance Officer:* Jiovannah Diggs (202) 874-7662, Financial Management Service, Room 144, 3700 East West Highway, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Michael A. Robinson,**

*Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 14, 2005.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before November 21, 2005, to be assured of consideration.

#### Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB)

*OMB Number:* 1513-0043.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Application and Permit to Ship Puerto Rican Spirits to the United States without payment of tax.

*Form:* TTB form 5110.31.

*Description:* TTB form 5110.31 is used to allow a person to ship spirits in bulk into the U.S. The form identifies the person in Puerto Rico from where shipments are to be made, the person in the U.S. receiving the spirits, amounts of spirits to be shipped and the bond of the U.S. person to cover taxes on such spirits.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 750 hour.

*Clearance Officer:* Frank Foote, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Room 200 East, 1310 G. Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, (202) 927-9347.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316.

**Michael A. Robinson,**

*Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[FI-81-86]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

**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 an existing final regulation, FI-81-86 (TD 8513), Bad Debt reserves of Banks (§ 1.585-8).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 19, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6512, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to Larnice Mack at Internal Revenue Service, room 6512, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3179, or through the Internet at (*Larnice.Mack@irs.gov*).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Bad Debt Reserves of Banks.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1290.

*Regulation Project Number:* FI-81-86.

*Abstract:* Section 585(c) of the Internal Revenue Code requires large banks to change from reserve method of accounting to the specific charge off method of accounting for bad debts. Section 1.585-8 of the regulation contains reporting requirements in cases in which large banks elect (1) to include in income an amount greater than that prescribed by the Code; (2) to use the elective cut-off method of accounting; or (3) to revoke any elections previously made.

*Current Actions:* There is no change to these existing regulations.

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,500.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 15 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 625.

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: October 11, 2005.

**Glenn Kirkland,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Thursday, November 3, 2005, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Friday, November 4, 2005, from 8 a.m. to Noon, Eastern Time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LaVerne Walker at 1-866-602-2223.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Thursday, November 3, 2005, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Friday, November 4,