

as required by 49 CFR 541.5 and 541.6 (marking of major component parts and replacement parts).

NHTSA notes that if Nissan wishes in the future to modify the device on which this exemption is based, the company may have to submit a petition to modify the exemption. Section 543.7(d) states that a Part 543 exemption applies only to vehicles that belong to a line exempted under this part and equipped with the anti-theft device on which the line's exemption is based. Further, § 543.9(c)(2) provides for the submission of petitions "to modify an exemption to permit the use of an antitheft device similar to but differing from the one specified in that exemption."

The agency wishes to minimize the administrative burden that § 543.9(c)(2) could place on exempted vehicle manufacturers and itself. The agency did not intend part 543 to require the submission of a modification petition for every change to the components or design of an antitheft device. The significance of many such changes could be *de minimis*. Therefore, NHTSA suggests that if the manufacturer contemplates making any changes the effects of which might be characterized as *de minimis*, it should consult the agency before preparing and submitting a petition to modify.

We note that Nissan requested confidential treatment for the information and attachments it submitted in support of its petition. While the agency granted the petitioner's request for confidential treatment of most aspects of its petition, we have released the model year for which the exemption is granted. This information is necessary for the law enforcement efforts to combat motor vehicle theft. That is, law enforcement officials need to know whether a given motor vehicle line was subject or exempted from the parts-marking requirements for a given model year.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 33106; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

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**Stephen R. Kratzke,**

*Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34803]

#### The Town of Corinth, NY—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Canadian Pacific Railway

The Town of Corinth, NY (Town), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Delaware and Hudson Railway Company, Inc., doing business as Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR), certain assets of an approximately 16.45-mile rail line between Adirondack Branch milepost 39.44 at or near Saratoga Springs, NY, and Adirondack Branch milepost 55.89 at or near Corinth, NY. In addition, the Town will acquire from CPR approximately .69 miles of incidental trackage rights, extending from milepost 37.10 to milepost 38.20 in Saratoga Springs, NY.

At the time of filing of the verified notice, the Town and CPR were in the process of finalizing one or more agreements whereby the Town will acquire the right-of-way, track and other rail assets associated with the line, subject to CPR's reservation of an exclusive and permanent freight easement. The Town states that it will have neither the right nor the obligation to perform common carrier freight service over the line, but instead intends to provide intrastate scenic tour passenger operations.<sup>1</sup>

The Town certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or after December 31, 2005.

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. 34803, 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 Rose-Michele Nardi, Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 19th Street, NW., Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1609.

<sup>1</sup>For these reasons, the Town has simultaneously filed a motion to dismiss the notice of exemption in this proceeding. The Board will address the motion in a separate decision.

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

Decided: January 4, 2006.

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. 34798]

#### City of Alameda—Acquisition Exemption—Alameda Beltline Railroad

The City of Alameda (the City), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire the line of railroad owned by the Alameda Beltline Railroad (ABL).

The earliest the transaction could have been consummated was December 16, 2005 (7 days after filing the notice), but, as noted below, the effectiveness of the exemption has been stayed pending further order of the Board.

The City certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier.

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 transaction.

On December 15, 2005, ABL filed a petition to stay the effectiveness of the exemption sought by the City through the filing of its notice under section 1150.31. On December 15, 2005, the Board granted a housekeeping stay of the effective date of the exemption in this proceeding to allow time for the parties to provide additional information, and for the Board to consider the issues presented in the stay request. The exemption is stayed until further order of the Board, and each party has been given until January 17, 2006, to file additional pleadings.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34798, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on: (1) Charles A. Montange, 426 NW., 162nd Street, Seattle, WA 98177; and (2) Sidney L. Strickland, Jr., Sidney Strickland and Associates, PLLC, 3050 K Street, NW., Suite 101, Washington, DC 20007.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Currency Transaction Report by Casinos

**AGENCY:** Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite comment on a proposed extension, without change, of an existing information collection requirement contained in the form, "Currency Transaction Report by Casinos, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network Form 103." This request for comments is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

**DATES:** Written comments are welcome and must be received on or before March 13, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to: The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, Post Office Box 39, Vienna, Virginia 22183, Attention: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments—Currency Transaction Report by Casinos Form. Comments also may be submitted by electronic mail to the following Internet address: [regcomments@fincen.treas.gov](mailto:regcomments@fincen.treas.gov), again with a caption, in the body of the text, "Attention: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments—Currency Transaction Report by Casinos Form."

*Inspection of comments.* Comments may be inspected, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., in the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network reading room in Washington, D.C. Persons wishing to inspect the comments submitted must request an appointment by telephoning (202) 354-6400.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Regulatory Policy and Programs Division at (800) 949-2732.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title: Currency Transaction Report by Casinos.

*OMB Number:* 1506-0005.

*Form Number:* Financial Crimes Enforcement Network Form 103.

*Abstract:* The statute generally referred to as the "Bank Secrecy Act," Titles I and II of Public Law 91-508, as amended, codified at 12 U.S.C. 1829b, 12 U.S.C. 1951-1959, and 31 U.S.C. 5311-5332, authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury inter alia to require financial institutions to keep records and file reports that are determined to have a high degree of usefulness in criminal, tax, and regulatory matters, or in the conduct of intelligence or counter-intelligence activities, to protect against international terrorism, and to implement counter-money laundering programs and compliance procedures.<sup>1</sup> Regulations implementing Title II of the Bank Secrecy Act appear at 31 CFR part 103. The authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to administer the Bank Secrecy Act has been delegated to the Director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

Section 5313(a) authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to issue regulations that require a report when "a domestic financial institution is involved in a transaction for the payment, receipt, or transfer of United States [sic] coins or currency (or other monetary instruments the Secretary of the Treasury prescribes), in an amount, denomination, or amount and denomination, or under circumstances the Secretary prescribes." Regulations implementing section 5313(a) are found at 31 CFR 103.22. In general, the regulations require the reporting of transactions in currency in excess of \$10,000 a day. Casinos, as defined in 31 U.S.C. 5312(a)(2)(X) and 31 CFR 103.11(n)(7)(i), are financial institutions subject to the currency transaction reporting requirement. Card clubs, as defined in 31 CFR 103.11(n)(8)(i), are casinos subject to currency transaction reporting. (See 63 FR 1919, January 13, 1998.) The Currency Transaction Report by Casinos, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network Form 103, is the form casinos and card clubs (other than those in Nevada) use to comply with the currency transaction reporting requirements.

Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-56.

<sup>2</sup>This burden relates to the completion of the Currency Transaction Report by Casinos form only.

The attached Currency Transaction Report by Casinos is presented only for purposes of soliciting public comment on the form.

*Type of Review:* Extension, without change, of an approved information collection.

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

*Frequency:* As required.

*Estimated Burden:* Reporting average of 20 minutes per response.<sup>2</sup> Form recordkeeping average of 10 minutes per response, for a total of 30 minutes.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 600.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 418,866.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 209,433.

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 Office of Management and Budget control number. Records required to be retained under the Bank Secrecy Act must be retained for five years.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget 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.

Dated: January 5, 2006.

**William J. Fox,**

Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

Attachment: Currency Transaction Report by Casinos, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network Form 103.

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<sup>1</sup> Language expanding the scope of the Bank Secrecy Act to intelligence or counter-intelligence activities to protect against international terrorism was added by Section 358 of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate

The recordkeeping burden of 31 CFR 103.22 is reflected in the final rule requiring casinos and card clubs to file Currency Transaction Reports.