

information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may obtain copies of the proposed informational collection and supporting documents from Lauren Prosnik of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at (202) 663-2951.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

\* Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform our functions.

\* Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

\* Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

\* Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond,

*Abstract of proposed collection:*

The DS-158 is used to collect supplemental information from students wishing to obtain a nonimmigrant visa to study in the United States.

*Methodology:*

Applicants may fill out the DS-158 online or print the page and fill it out by hand, and submit it in person at the time of interview.

Dated: July 15, 2009.

**James R. Pritchett,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary (Acting), Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Docket No. AB-397 (Sub-No. 7X)]

**Tulare Valley Railroad Company—  
Abandonment Exemption—in Tulare  
County, CA**

Tulare Valley Railroad Company (TVR), a Class III railroad, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 5.9-mile line of railroad between milepost 71+2969.2 at or near Ducor and milepost 66.0 at or near Ultra, in Tulare

County, CA.<sup>1</sup> The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 93270 and 93218.

TVR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can 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 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic 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 R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 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 August 20, 2009, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>2</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>3</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by July 31, 2009. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by August 10, 2009, 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 TVR's representative: Fritz R. Kahn, 1920 N

<sup>1</sup>TVR notes that authority to discontinue service on the line was authorized in *Tulare Valley Railroad Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Tulare County, CA*, STB Docket No. AB-397 (Sub-No. 6X) (STB served Apr. 17, 2009).

<sup>2</sup>The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service 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>3</sup>Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,500. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

Street, NW., (8th fl.), Washington, DC 20036.

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

TVR has filed a combined environmental report and historic report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by July 24, 2009. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 245-0305. [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), TVR 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 TVR's filing of a notice of consummation by July 21, 2010, 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](http://WWW.STB.DOT.GOV)."

Decided: July 16, 2009.

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

**Kulunie L. Cannon,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration**

**Reports, Forms and Record Keeping  
Requirements Agency Information  
Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted