

air transportation of persons and property from any point or points behind any Member State of the European Union via any point or points in any Member State and via intermediate points to any point or points in the United States and beyond; (ii) foreign charter air transportation of persons and property between any point or points in the United States and any point or points in any member of the European Common Aviation Area; (iii) other charters pursuant to the prior approval requirements; and (iv) transportation authorized by any additional route rights made available to European Community carriers in the future. Unijet further requests exemption authority to the extent necessary to enable it to provide the services described above pending issuance of a foreign air carrier permit and such additional or other relief as the Department may deem necessary or appropriate.

**Renee V. Wright,**

*Program Manager, Docket Operations,  
Federal Register Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-57 (Sub-No. 57X)]

#### **Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Hennepin County, MN**

Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway Company (CPR) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 1710 +/- foot line of railroad between milepost 3.79 +/- (east of Girard) and milepost 4.09 +/- (west of Colfax), in Hennepin County, MN. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 55405.

CPR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) all overhead traffic can and has been 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 October 16, 2009, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by September 28, 2009. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by October 6, 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 CPR's representative: W. Karl Hansen, Leonard, Street and Deinard, 150 South Fifth Street, Suite 2300, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

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

CPR has filed environmental and historic reports that address the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by September 21, 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

<sup>1</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>2</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,500. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

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), CPR 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 CPR's filing of a notice of consummation by September 16, 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>."

Decided: September 10, 2009.

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

**Kulunie L. Cannon,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2009-0047]

#### **Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration invites public comment about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of the following new information collection: Over-the-Road Bus (OTRB) Accessibility Program (OMB Number 2132-NEW).

The information to be collected for this program will be used to determine the applicant's eligibility to receive the program funds and to manage the program. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments was published on June 29, 2009.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted before October 16, 2009. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sylvia L. Marion, Office of Administration, Office of Management Planning, (202) 366-6680.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**