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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

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Christine Gurland,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on December 29, 2009. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 17, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patricia Ann Thomas, Maritime Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-2646; or e-mail: patricia.thomas@dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Merchant Marine Medals and Awards.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0506.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Masters, officers and crewmembers of U.S. ships.

Form(s): None.

Abstract: This collection of information provides a method of awarding merchant marine medals and decorations to masters, officers, and crew members of U.S. ships in recognition of their service in areas of danger during the operations by the Armed forces of the United States in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 700 hours.

Addressee: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments Are Invited On: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35338]

Winston-Salem Southbound Railway Company—Corporate Family Transaction Exemption—High Point, Thomasville & Denton Railroad Company

Winston-Salem Southbound Railway Company (WSSB) and High Point, Thomasville & Denton Railroad Company (HPTD), both Class III rail carriers, have filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3) for a transaction within a corporate family. Applicants state that HPTD will

merge into WSSB, with WSSB being the surviving corporate entity. According to applicants, WSSB controls HPTD and owns 100 percent of HPTD's stock, and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSRC) and CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) each owns a 50 percent interest in WSSB.¹ The purpose of the transaction is to simplify the corporate structure of the carriers and to thereby reduce their costs.

The exemption will be effective on May 1, 2010.

This is a transaction within a corporate family of the type exempted from prior review and approval under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3). The parties state that the transaction will not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or changes in the competitive balance with carriers outside the corporate family.

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under §§ 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Accordingly, the Board may not impose labor protective conditions here, because all of the carriers involved are Class III rail carriers.

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. Petitions for stay will be due no later than April 23, 2010 (at least 7 days before the effective date of the exemption).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35338 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on applicants' representatives, Louis E. Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Ave., Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204, and John V. Edwards, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510.

¹ Both WSSB and HPTD are operated as switching carriers for the owners of WSSB—NSRC and CSXT. WSSB owns 88 miles of main line from Winston-Salem, NC to Wadesboro, NC, and connects with: (a) NSRC at Winston-Salem, Whitney, and Lexington, NC, (b) CSXT at Wadesboro, (c) HPTD at High Rock, NC, and (d) Aberdeen, Carolina & Western Railway (ACWR) at Norwood, NC. HPTD owns 34 miles of main line from High Point, NC to High Rock and connects with: (a) WSSB at High Rock, and (b) NSRC at High Point. Applicants state that the proposed transaction will not affect the connection with ACWR, since only WSSB connects with ACWR today.