

abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 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 February 1, 2012, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by January 9, 2012. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by January 19, 2012, 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 NSR's representative: Robert A. Wimbish, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

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

NSR has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by January 6, 2012. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to OEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling OEA 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

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. 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.

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

conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), NSR 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 NSR's filing of a notice of consummation by December 30, 2012, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: December 23, 2011.

By the Board.

Rachel D. Campbell,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Notice and Request for Comments

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: 30-day notice of request for approval: Application to Open a Billing Account.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3519 (PRA), the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) gives notice that it has submitted a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an extension of approval with revision of a currently approved collection: Application to Open a Billing Account. The revision consists of a reduction in burden hours due to the agency's revised estimate of the number of annual respondents. The Board previously published a notice about this collection in the **Federal Register** on September 30, 2011, at 76 FR 60,964. That notice allowed for a 60-day public review and comment period. No comments were received.

The application to open a billing account is described in detail below. Comments may now be submitted to OMB concerning: (1) The accuracy of the Board's burden estimates; (2) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (3) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology,

when appropriate; and (4) whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility.

Description of Collection

Title: Application to Open a Billing Account.

OMB Control Number: 2140-0006.

STB Form Number: STB Form 1032.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Rail carriers, shippers, and others doing business before the STB.

Number of Respondents: 5.

Estimated Time per Response: Less than .08 hours, based on actual survey of respondents.

Frequency: One time per respondent.

Total Burden Hours (annually including all respondents): Less than 0.4 hours.

Total "Non-hour Burden" Cost: No "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection have been identified.

Needs and Uses: The Board is, by statute, responsible for the economic regulation of freight rail carriers and certain other carriers operating in interstate commerce. The form for which this approval is sought is submitted by persons doing business before the Board who wish to open an account with the Board to facilitate their payment of filing fees; fees for the search, review, copying, and certification of records; and fees for other services rendered by the Board. An account holder is billed on a monthly basis for payment of accumulated fees. Data provided is also used for debt collection activities. The application form requests information as required by OMB and U.S. Department of the Treasury regulations for the collection of fees. This information is not duplicated by any other agency. In accordance with the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, all taxpayer identification and social security numbers are secured and used only for credit management and debt collection activities.

DATES: Comments on this information collection should be submitted by January 30, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be identified as "Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Surface Transportation Board, Application to Open a Billing Account." These comments should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Patrick Fuchs, Surface Transportation Board

Desk Officer, by fax at (202) 395-5167; by mail at Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20500; or by email at

OIRA_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV.

For Further Information or To Obtain a Copy of the STB Form, Contact: Anthony Jacobik, Jr., (202) 245-0346. Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA, a Federal agency conducting or sponsoring a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Under § 3506(b) of the PRA, Federal agencies are required to provide, concurrent with an agency's submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 30-day notice and comment period, through publication in the **Federal Register**, concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

Dated: December 23, 2011.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Mayer Brown LLP as outside counsel for BNSF Railway Company (WB461-18-11/14/11) for permission to use certain data from the Board's 1999 through 2010 Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of this request may be obtained from the Office of Economics.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

Contact: Scott Decker, (202) 245-0330.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35563]

Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Cedar River Railroad Company

Pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement, Cedar River Railroad Company (CEDR) has agreed to grant nonexclusive overhead and local trackage rights to Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad Company (CCP)¹ over 3.0 miles of rail line between the connection with CCP at milepost 0.0 at Mona Junction and milepost 3.0 at Dunkerton Road, in Cedar Falls, Iowa.²

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on January 13, 2012, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the exemption was filed).

The trackage rights will permit CCP to operate its trains in freight service with its own crews, including the right to enter and exit the trackage at CEDR's connection to the Cedar Falls Industrial Park near milepost 0.8 in Cedar Falls. In addition, the proposed trackage rights will allow CCP and CEDR to improve the efficiency of their operations in the Cedar Falls area.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk & Western Railway—Trackage Rights—Burlington Northern, Inc.*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Railway—Lease & Operate—California Western Railroad*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980), and any employees affected by the discontinuance of those trackage rights will be protected by the conditions set out in *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth and Ammon, in Bingham and Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). 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 must be filed by January 6, 2012 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

¹ CEDR and CCP are indirect subsidiaries of Canadian National Railway Company.

² A redacted, executed trackage rights agreement between CEDR and CCP was filed with the notice of exemption. The unredacted version was filed under seal along with a motion for protective order, which will be addressed in a separate decision.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35563, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Jeremy M. Berman, 29 N. Wacker Dr., Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606.

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Decided: December 23, 2011.

By the Board.

Rachel D. Campbell,

Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Prompt Payment Interest Rate; Contract Disputes Act

AGENCY: Bureau of the Public Debt, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: For the period beginning January 1, 2012, and ending on June 30, 2012, the prompt payment interest rate is 2 per centum per annum.

ADDRESSES: Comments or inquiries may be mailed to Dorothy Dicks, Reporting Team Leader, Federal Borrowings Branch, Division of Accounting Operations, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of the Public Debt, Parkersburg, West Virginia 26106-1328. A copy of this Notice is available at <http://www.treasurydirect.gov>.

DATES: Effective January 1, 2012, to June 30, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brant McDaniel, Manager, Federal Borrowings Branch, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of the Public Debt, Parkersburg, West Virginia 26106-1328, (304) 480-5114; Dorothy Dicks, Reporting Team Leader, Federal Borrowings Branch, Division of Accounting Operations, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of the Public Debt, Parkersburg, West Virginia 26106-1328, (304) 480-5115; Paul Wolfeich, Chief Counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, (202) 504-3705; or Brenda L. Hoffman, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, (202) 504-3706.