

Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) [Pub. L. 109–59, 119 Stat. 1144, August 10, 2005] enacted 49 U.S.C. 14504a entitled “Unified carrier registration system plan and agreement.” Under the UCR Agreement, motor carriers, motor private carriers, brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies that are involved in interstate transportation register and pay certain fees. The UCR Plan’s Board of Directors must issue rules and regulations to govern the UCR Agreement. Section 14504a(a)(9) defines the Unified Carrier Registration Plan as the organization of State, Federal, and industry representatives responsible for developing, implementing, and administering the UCR Agreement. Section 14504a(d)(1)(B) directed the Secretary to establish a Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors made up of 15 members from FMCSA, State governments, and the motor carrier industry. The Board also must recommend initial annual fees to be assessed against carriers, leasing companies, brokers, and freight forwarders under the UCRA, as well as any annual adjustments to those fees. Section 14504a(d)(1)(B) provides that the UCR Plan’s Board of Directors must consist of directors appointed by the Secretary as follows:

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: One director must be selected from each of the FMCSA 4 service areas (as defined by FMCSA on January 1, 2005) from among the chief administrative officers of the State agencies responsible for overseeing the administration of the UCR Agreement.

State Agencies: The five directors selected to represent State agencies must be from among the professional staffs of State agencies responsible for overseeing the administration of the UCR Agreement. Nominees for these five directorships must be submitted to the Secretary by the national association of professional employees of the State agencies responsible for overseeing the administration of the UCR Agreement in their respective States.

Motor Carrier Industry: Five directors must be from the motor carrier industry. At least one of the five motor carrier industry directors must be from “a national trade association representing the general motor carrier of property industry” and one of them must be from “a motor carrier that falls within the smallest fleet fee bracket.”

U.S. Department of Transportation (the Department): One individual, either the FMCSA Deputy Administrator or such other Presidential appointee from the Department appointed by the Secretary, represents the Department.

The establishment of the Board was announced in the **Federal Register** on May 12, 2006 (71 FR 27777). In that notice, the Agency recognized the American Trucking Associations, Inc. (ATA) as the national trade association representing the general motor carrier of property industry. ATA is a national affiliation of State trucking organizations representing the national, State and local interests of the 50 affiliated State trucking associations; and the interests of specialized areas of the trucking industry through conferences and councils. The Agency selected the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA) as the organization from which to appoint an individual to represent motor carriers comprising the smallest fleet fee bracket. OOIDA is a national trade association representing the interests of small trucking companies and drivers.

Each of the five current directors from the motor carrier industry serves a term of 3 years that will expire on May 31, 2012. These directors may continue to serve until their replacements are appointed; each of them may be reappointed (49 U.S.C. 14504a(d)(1)(D)(iii) and (iv)). Today’s publication serves as a notice requesting nominations for and public comment on possible appointment of the five members of the motor carrier industry in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 14504a(d).

Board Member Nominations

FMCSA seeks either nominations of, or expressions of interest from, individuals to serve as members of the board of directors for the UCR Plan from the motor carrier industry. Nominations or expressions of interest should indicate that the person nominated or recommended meets the statutory requirements specified in 49 U.S.C. 14504a(d)(1)(B)(iii). Nominations or expressions of interest must be transmitted by means of the procedures for comments specified earlier in this notice. FMCSA and the Department will make the appointments for the five members from the motor carrier industry for three-year terms, expiring on May 31, 2015. FMCSA and the Department will consider the objectives specified in the statute for the UCR Plan and Agreement when making the appointments.

Issued on: March 29, 2012.

Kelly Leone,
Associate Administrator, Research and Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35612]

Manning Grain Company; Acquisition and Operation Exemption; Fillmore Western Railway Company

Manning Grain Company (MGC), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Fillmore Western Railway Company (FWRC) and operate a 7.1-mile rail line between its point of connection with BNSF Railway Company at milepost 8.1 at or near Fairmont and terminus at milepost 15.2 at or near Burress, in Fillmore County, Neb. (the Line).

The Line is part of an approximately 23.2-mile rail line (the Fairmont-Milligan line) that FWRC was authorized to abandon in *Fillmore Western Ry.—Aban. Exemption—in Fillmore Cnty., Neb.*, AB 492 (Sub-No. 2X) (STB served June 27, 2001). MGC acquired the Line from FWRC in 2005. MGC states that, at that time, it believed it was acquiring the Line as private industrial track, but that it since has learned that FWRC did not consummate its abandonment authority for the Fairmont-Milligan line by filing a notice of consummation. Thus, MGC states, it unknowingly became a rail carrier by virtue of its 2005 acquisition of the Line.¹

The effective date of the exemption will be April 20, 2012 (30 days after the verified notice was filed).²

MGC certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed \$5 million and will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III 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 effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions to stay must be filed no later than April 13, 2012 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

¹ In a notice of exemption filed on March 8, 2012, in Docket No. FD 35607, *Manning Rail, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Manning Grain Company*, Manning Rail, Inc., a noncarrier, seeks to acquire the line from MGC and operate it. That notice has been held in abeyance at the request of Manning Rail Inc. to permit it to investigate the history of the line.

² While the verified notice indicates that MGC is seeking an exemption to authorize the acquisition “retroactively,” MGC’s authority will be effective prospectively from April 20, 2012.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35612, 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 Thomas F. McFarland, Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604-1112.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: April 3, 2012.

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

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 3, 2012.

The Department of the Treasury will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, on or after the date of publication of this notice.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before May 7, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestion for reducing the burden, to the (1) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for Treasury, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, or email at OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV and to the (2) Treasury PRA Clearance Officer, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 11020, Washington, DC 20220, or on-line at www.PRAComment.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 927-5331, email at PRA@treasury.gov, or the entire information collection request maybe found at www.reginfo.gov.

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN)

OMB Number: 1506-0019.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title: Suspicious Activity Report by Securities and Futures Industries and 31 CFR 1026.320 and 1023.320.

Abstract: Treasury is requiring certain securities broker-dealers, futures commission merchants and introducing brokers in commodities to file suspicious activity reports.

Affected Public: Private Sector: Businesses or other for-profits.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1.

Dawn D. Wolfgang,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). The IRS is soliciting comments concerning collection requirements related to travel expenses of state legislators.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 5, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Yvette B. Lawrence, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Joel Goldberger, (202) 927-9368 at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet at Joel.P.Goldberger@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Travel Expenses of State Legislators.

OMB Number: 1545-2115.

Form Number: T.D. 9481.

Abstract: This document contains final regulations relating to travel expenses of state legislators while away from home. The regulations affect

eligible state legislators who make the election under section 162(h) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code). The regulations clarify the amount of travel expenses that a state legislator may deduct under section 162(h).

Current Actions: There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7400.

Estimated Time per Respondent: .50 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3700.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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 OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB 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.

Approved: March 28, 2012.

Yvette B. Lawrence,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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