

(iii) how to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(iv) how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collection of information for which the agency is seeking approval from OMB:

Title: Advanced Crash Avoidance Technologies Consumer Research.

Requested Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from approval date.

Abstract: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) was established by the Highway Safety Act of 1970 (23 U.S.C. 101) to carry out a Congressional mandate to reduce the mounting number of deaths, injuries, and economic losses resulting from motor vehicle crashes on the Nation's highways. In support of this mission, NHTSA proposes to conduct a limited number of focus group sessions and in-depth interviews with members of the general public to help inform future revisions to the Monroney label and guide the development of a consumer education program. In addition, this consumer research will help to ensure that various advanced crash avoidance technologies the agency promotes are important and usable to consumers, and the information provided leads to consumer understanding of the benefits of these technologies.

Summary of the Collection of Information: In this collection of information, NHTSA is seeking approval to conduct qualitative consumer research and in-depth interviews to test consumer familiarity and understanding of advanced crash avoidance technology systems so that labeling and consumer materials will help consumers make informed vehicle purchase decisions. Specifically, this research will be guided by the following objectives:

(i) Explore consumer familiarity with and understanding of advanced crash avoidance technologies;

(ii) Explore potential nomenclature, icons and rating systems that can be used to communicate information about advanced crash avoidance technologies;

(iii) Guide considerations for design modifications of current New Car Assessment Program Government 5-Star Safety Ratings label to include

information about advanced crash avoidance technologies;

(iv) Guide the development of a consumer information program to improve awareness and understanding of advanced crash avoidance technologies.

Description of the Need for the Information and the Proposed Use of the Information: NHTSA will obtain critical information that will fulfill a congressional mandate to improve highway traffic safety. Specifically, the data from this collection will be used to enhance consumer understanding of advanced crash avoidance technologies and guide the development of communication materials that will help consumers as they factor these technologies into their vehicle purchase decisions. This research, along with previously conducted qualitative research, will also help to inform a quantitative survey that will explore potential redesigns for the New Car Assessment Program's Government 5-Star Safety Ratings section of the Monroney Label.

Affected Public: For the focus group phase of this collection, NHTSA plans to conduct a total of 9 focus groups, each lasting approximately two hours. In each group, 8 participants will be seated. Therefore, a total of 72 people will participate in the group sessions. For recruiting of these participants, however, a total of 108 potential participants (12 per group) will be recruited via telephone screening calls, which are estimated to take 10 minutes per call. Based on experience, it is prudent to recruit up to 12 people per group in order to ensure at least 8 will appear at the focus group facility at the appointed time.

Thus, the total burden per person actually participating in this focus group phase of research is estimated to be 130 minutes (10 minutes for the screening/recruiting telephone call plus 120 minutes in the focus group discussion session). Additionally, the total burden per person recruited (but not participating in the discussions) is 10 minutes. Therefore, the total annual estimated burden imposed by this portion of the collection is approximately 162 hours. NHTSA also plans to conduct eight 30-minute dealer interviews. Accounting for recruiting and interviewing time, the total annual estimated burden imposed by this portion of the collection is approximately 8 hours.

In total, the annual estimated burden imposed by this collection of information is approximately 170 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 170 hours.

Number of Respondents: 80.

The results of this research will be used to inform a quantitative survey that will explore potential redesigns for the New Car Assessment Program's Government 5-Star Safety Ratings section of the Monroney Label that NHTSA will conduct, which this notice does not address.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35699]

Watco Holdings, Inc., Watco Railroad Company Holdings, Inc., & Watco Acquisition Sub, Inc.—Acquisition of Control Exemption—Ann Arbor Railroad, Inc.

Watco Holdings, Inc. (Watco Holdings), Watco Railroad Company Holdings, Inc. (Watco Railroad), and Watco Acquisition Sub, Inc. (Merger Sub), all noncarriers, have filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) for Watco Holdings to indirectly control, and for Watco Railroad to directly control, Ann Arbor Railroad, Inc. (AA), a Class III railroad, and for Merger Sub to merge with AA, with Merger Sub as the surviving entity.¹ Watco Holdings intends to place the stock of Merger Sub in an irrevocable voting trust prior to the consummation of this transaction.

Watco Holdings states that it currently controls, indirectly, 27 Class III railroads and one Class II railroad. For a complete list of these rail carriers, and

¹ Applicants filed a redacted version of the merger agreement with the notice of exemption. Applicants simultaneously filed an unredacted version under seal with a motion for protective order. The motion will be addressed in a separate decision.

the states in which they operate, see the notice of exemption filed on December 27, 2012, in this proceeding. Watco Holdings also states that it controls Watco Railroad, which directly controls Merger Sub.

The transaction may be consummated on or after January 26, 2013 (30 days after the notice of exemption was filed).

Applicants represent that: (1) The lines to be acquired by Merger Sub do not connect with any railroads in the corporate family; (2) the transaction is not a part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the lines with other railroads in the corporate family; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I rail carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

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. Because the transaction involves the control of one Class II rail carrier and one or more Class III rail carriers, the transaction is subject to the labor protection requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11326(b) and *Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Acquisition Exemption—Lines of Union Pacific Railroad*, 2 S.T.B. 218 (1997).

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. Stay petitions must be filed no later than January 18, 2013 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35699, 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 Karl Morell, Ball Janik, LLP, 655 15th Street NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

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

Jeffrey Herzig,
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35708]

Koch Industries, Inc.—Acquisition of Control Exemption—Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company

Koch Industries, Inc. (Koch), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption to acquire indirect control of Texas South-Eastern Railroad Co. (TSE), a Class III rail carrier.

Koch states that the transaction is part of an agreement in which Georgia-Pacific Building Products, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Koch, is purchasing from International Paper Company certain assets used in connection with, and certain equity interest relating to, Temple-Inland, Inc.'s building products business. Koch intends to consummate the transaction on or shortly after February 1, 2013 (the effective date of the exemption is January 26, 2013, 30 days after the verified notice was filed).

Koch currently controls directly or indirectly four other Class III rail carriers in the states of Mississippi, Kansas, and Texas: Blue Rapids Railway Company, LLC; KM Railways, LLC; Old Augusta Railroad, LLC; and Moscow Camden and San Augustine Railroad, LLC.

Koch states that: (1) The rail line does not connect with any railroads owned or controlled by Koch; (2) this transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect any of the railroads controlled by Koch with TSE; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I railroad. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323 pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

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 carriers.

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. Stay petitions must be filed no later than January 18, 2013 (at

least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35708, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy must be served on David H. Coburn, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20036.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35704]

Carload Express, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Ohio Terminal Railway Company

Carload Express, Inc. (CEI) has filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of Ohio Terminal Railway Company (OTRC), upon OTRC's becoming a Class III rail carrier. OTRC is a wholly owned, corporate subsidiary of CEI.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *Ohio Terminal Railway Company—Operation Exemption—Hannibal Real Estate, LLC*, Docket No. FD 35703, wherein OTRC seeks Board approval to operate a 12.2-mile line, known as the Omal Secondary Track, from milepost 60.5 at or near Powhatan Point, to milepost 72.7 at or near Hannibal, in Monroe County, Ohio.

CEI intends to consummate the transaction on January 27, 2013 (the effective date of this notice).

CEI currently controls three Class III rail carriers: Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and Camp Chase Railroad Company. The three Class III rail carriers operate rail lines in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

CEI certifies that: (1) The rail lines to be operated by OTRC do not connect with any other railroads in the CEI corporate family; (2) the continuance in control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the rail lines to be operated by