

WEIGHTED AVERAGE STATE TAX RATES—Continued

[In percent]

Railroad	2012	2011	Percent change
The Kansas City Southern Railway	5.877	6.139	-0.262
Norfolk Southern Combined	5.891	5.942	-0.051
Soo Line Corporation	7.351	7.350	0.001
Union Pacific Railroad Company	5.970	6.035	-0.065

Any party wishing to comment on AAR's calculation of the 2011 weighted average state tax rates should file a comment by July 9, 2013. See 49 CFR 1135.2(c). If any comments opposing AAR's calculations are filed, AAR's reply will be due by July 29, 2013. *Id.* If any comments are filed, the Board will review AAR's submission, together with the comments, and serve a decision within 60 days of the close of the record that either accepts, rejects, or modifies AAR's railroad-specific tax information. *Id.* If no comments are filed by July 9, 2013, AAR's submitted weighted average state tax rates will be automatically adopted by the Board, effective July 10, 2013. *Id.*

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Decided: June 4, 2013.

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

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 1068 (Sub-No. 1X); Docket No. AB 1070; (Sub-No. 1X)]

Missouri Central Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Cass, Henry, Johnson, and Pettis Counties, MO; Central Midland Railway Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Cass, Henry, Johnson, and Pettis Counties, MO

Missouri Central Railroad Company (MCRR) and Central Midland Railway Company (CMR) (collectively, applicants) have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* for MCRR to abandon, and for CMR to discontinue service over, approximately 42 miles of rail line between milepost 257.283 near Wingate, in Cass County, Mo., and milepost 215.325 near

Windsor, in Pettis County, Mo. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 64040, 64061, 64080, 64726, 64733, 64761, and 65360.

Applicants have certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line; (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(c) (environmental 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 these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment or discontinuance 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, these exemptions will be effective on July 9, 2013, 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

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 \$1,600. See 49 CFR 1002.2 (f)(25).

CFR 1152.29 must be filed by June 17, 2013. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by June 27, 2013, 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 applicants' representatives: Sandra L. Brown, 1919 M St. NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036, and Lon Van Gemert, 21778 Highview Ave., Lakeville, MN 55044.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemptions are void *ab initio*.

Applicants have filed a combined environmental and historic report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment and discontinuance on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by June 14, 2013. 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 conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), MCRR 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 MCRR's filing of a notice of consummation by June 7, 2014, 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 "www.stb.dot.gov."

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By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell,
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Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0222]

Proposed Information Collection (Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker for Installation in a Private or State Veterans' Cemetery) Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: National Cemetery
Administration, Department of Veterans
Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Cemetery Administration (NCA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to obtain a government headstone, grave marker or medallion.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed

collection of information should be received on or before August 6, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov; or to Mechelle Powell, National Cemetery Administration (40D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420; or email: mechelle.powell@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0222" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mechelle Powell at (202) 461-4114 or Fax (202) 273-6695.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-21), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, NCA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of NCA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NCA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or

the use of other forms of information technology.

Titles:

a. Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker for Installation in a Private or State Veterans' Cemetery, VA Form 40-1330.

b. Claim for Government Medallion for Installation in a Private Cemetery, VA Form 40-1330M.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0222.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstracts:

a. The next of kin or other responsible parties of deceased Veterans complete VA Form 40-1330 to apply for Government provided headstones or markers for unmarked graves.

b. A family member complete VA Form 40-1330M to apply for a Government medallion to be affixed to privately purchased headstone or marker for a deceased Veteran buried in a private cemetery.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 93,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 374,000.

Dated: June 3, 2013.

By direction of the Secretary.

Crystal Rennie,

VA Clearance Officer, Enterprise Records Service, Office of Information Security, Office of Information and Technology, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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