

Transportation (TDOT), is rescinding the notice of intent to prepare an EIS for an upgrade to the existing State Route 18 from State Route-64 at Bolivar to State Route-100, Hardeman County. The proposed project was approximately 10 miles in length and had been developed to bypass downtown Bolivar.

TDOT conducted public involvement and agency coordination, developed a purpose and need for the project and developed preliminary alternatives. In August of 2012, TDOT circulated and requested comments on a Preliminary Draft EIS (PDEIS) that was sent to agencies participating in Tennessee's Environmental Streamlining Agreement, including FHWA. Following the PDEIS, TDOT further considered the cost of the project, the project purpose and need and a southern bypass of Bolivar, a separate project that had been approved in a 2004 NEPA Finding of No Significant Impact. They also considered the adverse comments received from the public and resource agencies related to purpose and need, environmental impacts and project cost. Upon full consideration of the issues identified, FHWA and TDOT determined that they would not pursue the State Route 18 (Bolivar Northern Bypass) project.

Comments and questions concerning the proposed action should be directed to FHWA at the address provided above. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this proposed program.)

Dated: April 3, 2014.

Theresa Claxton,

Planning and Program Mgmt. Team Leader, Nashville, TN.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2014-0053]

Request for Comments of a Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Maritime Administration (MARAD), Department of Transportation.

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 Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on December 20, 2013 (**Federal Register** 77203, Vol. 78, No. 245).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 9, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Yarrington, Chief, Office of Marine Insurance, MAR-712, Maritime Administration, Room W23-312, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-1915.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: War Risk Insurance, Applications and Related Information.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0011.

Type of Request: Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: As authorized by Section 1202, Title XII, Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation may provide war risk insurance adequate for the needs of the waterborne commerce of the United States if such insurance cannot be obtained on reasonable terms from qualified insurance companies operating in the United States. This collection is required for the program.

Affected Public: Vessel owners or charterers interested in participating in MARAD's war risk insurance program.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Number of Responses: 20.

Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 256.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. 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.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93.

Dated: April 1, 2014.

Julie P. Agarwal,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 362X)]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Isle of Wight County and the City of Suffolk, Va.

On March 20, 2014, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to discontinue service over approximately 17.8 miles of rail line in Isle of Wight County and the independent City of Suffolk, Va., extending from milepost FD 19.2 in Suffolk to milepost FD 37.0 near Franklin, Va. (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 23434, 23437, and 23851, and includes the stations of Franklin, Holland, and Suffolk (the petition states that Suffolk will remain an active station because a portion of that station is located east of the subject discontinuance limits). According to the petition, the Line is stub-ended and therefore not capable of handling overhead traffic.

NSR states that, based on information in its possession, the Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in NSR's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by July 8, 2014.

Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment proceeding, interim trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Similarly, no environmental or historic documentation is required under 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(2) and 1105.8(b).

Any offer of financial assistance under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) to subsidize continued rail service will be due no later than July 18, 2014, or 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption, whichever occurs sooner. Each offer must be accompanied by a \$1,600 filing fee. *See* 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 362X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) William A. Mullins, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037. Replies to the petition are due on or before April 29, 2014.

Persons seeking further information concerning discontinuance procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238 or refer to the full abandonment and discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) at (202) 245-0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

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

Decided: April 4, 2014.

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

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0769]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public to take this opportunity to comment on the "Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery" for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et. seq.). This collection was developed as part of a Federal

Government-wide effort to streamline the process for seeking feedback from the public on service delivery. This notice announces our intent to submit this collection to OMB for approval and solicits comments on specific aspects for the proposed information collection.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 9, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Crystal Rennie, (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0769" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Crystal Rennie at (202) 632-7492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), 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, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VA'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.

Title: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0769.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The information collection activity provides a means to garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where

communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

The solicitation of feedback will target areas such as: Timeliness, appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, efficiency of service delivery, and resolution of issues with service delivery. Responses will be assessed to plan and inform efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service offered to the public. If this information is not collected, vital feedback from customers and stakeholders on the Agency's services will be unavailable.

The Agency will only submit a collection for approval under this generic clearance if it meets the following conditions:

- The collections are voluntary;
 - The collections are low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden-hours per respondent) and are low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government;
 - The collections are non-controversial and do not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies;
 - Any collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the near future;
 - Personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained;
 - Information gathered will be used only internally for general service improvement and program management purposes and is not intended for release outside of the agency;
 - Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions; and
 - Information gathered will yield qualitative information; the collections will not be designed or expected to yield statistically reliable results or used as though the results are generalizable to the population of study.
- Feedback collected under this generic clearance provides useful information, but it does not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring