

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket Nos. AB 1106X; AB 6 (Sub-No. 488X)]

ABE Fairmont, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Fillmore County, Neb.; BNSF Railway Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Fillmore County, Neb.

On July 7, 2014, ABE Fairmont, LLC (ABE), and BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) (collectively, Petitioners) jointly filed a petition requesting exemptions under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903. ABE requests an exemption to permit it to abandon approximately 2.77 miles of rail line between milepost 0.93 near the east-west mainline of BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) at Fairmont, Neb., and milepost 3.70 at the north property line of Fillmore County Road H near Fairmont, Neb. (the Line). The Line extends southward from a connection with BNSF's east-west main line (at BNSF milepost 114.73) at Fairmont, Fillmore County, Neb. BNSF requests an exemption to permit it to discontinue its trackage rights operations over approximately 0.77 miles of the Line between milepost 0.93 and milepost 1.70, near Fairmont. The Line traverses United States Postal Zip Code 68354.

On July 24, 2014, these proceedings were held in abeyance at Petitioners' request pending discussions between Petitioners and The Andersons, Inc. d/b/a O'Malley Grain Company (The Andersons), a shipper that receives service over the Line via a private spur line that it owns and that connects to the Line.

On June 16, 2017, Petitioners informed the Board that the matters that prompted the abeyance request had been resolved and requested that the proceedings be reinstated on the Board's active docket. On August 17, 2017, the Board removed the proceeding from abeyance and requested additional information. On September 26, 2017, Petitioners filed a supplement to their July 2014 petition. Petitioners propose that ABE abandon (and BNSF discontinue service over part of) the Line but that BNSF continue to provide contract carriage over it outside the Board's jurisdiction. Petitioners assert that the two shippers on the Line, Flint Hill Resources Fairmont, LLC (FHR-Fairmont), and The Andersons, would continue to be served by BNSF pursuant to contract and that one of those shippers, FHR-Fairmont, intends to purchase the Line following abandonment.

Petitioners state that based on the information in their possession, the Line does not contain any federally granted rights-of-way. They state that any documentation in their possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment and discontinuance of service 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).

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 February 2, 2018.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,800 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment, the Line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use.¹ Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than January 4, 2018. Each trail request must be accompanied by a \$300 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to Docket No. AB 1106X and Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No. 488X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001; (2) Karl Morell, 655 Fifteenth Street NW, Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005; and (3) Thomas McFarland, 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604. Replies to this petition are due on or before January 4, 2018.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment and 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. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

An environmental assessment (EA) prepared by OEA was served upon all

¹ As noted above, however, following abandonment of the Line as common carrier track, Petitioners propose that BNSF service will continue over the Line under contract.

parties of record, among others, on November 24, 2017. Other interested persons may contact OEA to obtain a copy of the EA, and it is available on the Board's website at www.stb.gov. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA is December 22, 2017.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at WWW.STB.GOV.

Decided: December 12, 2017.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration**

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew a generic information collection. As part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process to seek feedback from the public on service delivery, FAA has an approved Generic Information Collection Request (Generic ICR): "Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery".

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by February 13, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the FAA at the following address: Barbara Hall, Federal Aviation Administration, ASP-110, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be

minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Hall at (940) 594-5913, or by email at: Barbara.L.Hall@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 2120-0746.

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

Form Numbers: There are no FAA forms associated with this generic information collection.

Type of Review: Renewal of a generic information collection.

Background: The information collection activity will 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.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will 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 trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior

fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

Respondents: Approximately 11,000 Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Frequency: Once per request.

Estimated Average Burden per

Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1833 hours.

Issued in Fort Worth, TX, on December 8, 2017.

Barbara L. Hall,

FAA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Performance, Policy, and Records Management Branch, ASP-110.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Thirteenth RTCA SC-230 Airborne Weather Detection Systems Plenary

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Thirteenth RTCA SC-230 Airborne Weather Detection Systems Plenary.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of Thirteenth RTCA SC-230 Airborne Weather Detection Systems Plenary.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 10-11, 2018 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: Virtual: <https://rtca.webex.com/rtca/j.php?MTID=m06b838012ad10a9ef5a8c305a58ce21f>, Join by phone: U.S./Canada Toll Free: 1-855-358-5393, Meeting ID: 635 383 355, Password: BavWpZr3.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karan Hofmann at khofmann@rtca.org or 202-330-0680, or The RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW, Suite 910, Washington, DC, 20036, or by telephone at (202) 833-9339, fax at (202) 833-9434, or website at <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.), notice is hereby given for a meeting of the Thirteenth RTCA SC-230 Airborne Weather Detection Systems Plenary. The agenda will include the following:

Wednesday, January 10, 2018—11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

1. Welcome and Administrative Remarks
2. Introductions
3. Agenda Review
4. Meeting Minutes Review and Approval of last Plenary
5. Review of proposed Change 1 for DO-220A and DO-213A
6. Discussion on PWS, ADWRS, and Turbulence files availability

Thursday, January 11, 2018—11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

1. Review of proposed Change 1 for DO-220A and DO-213A
2. Decision to approve release of DO-220A and DO-213A FOR FINAL REVIEW AND COMMENT
3. Action Item Review
4. Any other Business
5. Date and Place of Next Meeting
6. Adjourn

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 12, 2017.

Mohannad Dawoud,

Management & Program Analyst, Partnership Contracts Branch, ANG-A17, NextGen, Procurement Services Division, Federal Aviation Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Highway in Idaho

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of limitation on claims for judicial review of actions by FHWA.

SUMMARY: This notice announces actions taken by the FHWA. The actions relate to a proposed highway project, US 20/26 Corridor Study, Junction I-84 to Eagle Road in Ada and Canyon Counties in the State of Idaho, FHWA Project Number STP-3230(106), Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Key Number 07826.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA is advising the public of final agency