

11.09 miles of rail line (the Line) owned by its noncarrier corporate parent, Midland Railway Company (Midland). The Line extends between milepost 14.95 at Baldwin, Kan., and milepost 26.04 at Ottawa, Kan.

According to Leavenworth, Midland and Leavenworth have executed an agreement granting Leavenworth freight operating rights on the Line. Leavenworth states that it plans to provide service under the trade name Baldwin City & Southern Railroad Company.

Leavenworth certifies that, as a result of the proposed transaction, its projected revenue will not exceed \$5 million annually and will not result in its becoming a Class I or Class II carrier. Leavenworth states that the operating agreement does not contain interchange commitments.

The proposed transaction may be consummated on or after September 4, 2019, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).<sup>1</sup>

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 for stay must be filed no later than August 28, 2019 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36300, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Leavenworth's representative, A.J. Stevens, Baldwin City & Southern Railroad, 719 High Street, P.O. Box 5, Baldwin City, KS 66006.

According to Leavenworth, this action is exempt from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: August 16, 2019.

<sup>1</sup> Leavenworth initially submitted its notice of exemption on May 3, 2019. However, by decision served May 31, 2019, this proceeding was held in abeyance pending Leavenworth's filing of supplemental information, which it filed on June 19, 2019. Leavenworth submitted additional supplements to correct a verification page on July 17 and August 5, 2019. As a result, August 5 is deemed the filing date of the verified notice.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Regena Smith-Bernard,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Docket No. AB 1288X]**

### **Cedar River Railroad Company— Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Freeborn County, Minn**

Cedar River Railroad Company (CEDR) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* to discontinue service over approximately 9.3 miles of railroad line between milepost 85.0 in London Township (at the southwestern quadrant of the intersection of County Road 107 and Township Road 264) and milepost 94.32 at Glenville, in Freeborn County, Minn. (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 56036.

CEDR has certified that: (1) No local has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) overhead traffic (to the extent there is any) can be rerouted over other lines; (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 is pending either with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication) and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

Any employee of CEDR adversely affected by the 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). 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)<sup>1</sup> to subsidize continued rail service has been received, this exemption will be

<sup>1</sup> Persons interested in submitting an OFA to subsidize continued rail service must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer, indicating the intent to file an OFA for subsidy and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i).

effective on September 20, 2019,<sup>2</sup> unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues must be filed by August 30, 2019, and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA to subsidize continued rail service under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)<sup>3</sup> must be filed by September 3, 2019.<sup>4</sup> Petitions for reconsideration must be filed by September 10, 2019, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with Board should be sent to CEDR's representative, Bradon J. Smith, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

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Decided: August 15, 2019.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Kenyatta Clay,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## **TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY**

### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Tennessee Valley Authority.

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice of submission of information collection approval and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Tennessee Valley Authority is soliciting public comments on this proposed collection.

**DATES:** Comments should be sent to the Senior Privacy Program Manager no later than October 21, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for information, including copies of the information collection proposed and supporting

<sup>2</sup> CEDR states that it intends to consummate the discontinuance on or after September 1, 2019, but it may not do so prior to the effective date of this exemption.

<sup>3</sup> The filing fee for OFAs can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

<sup>4</sup> Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Because there will be an environmental review during abandonment, this discontinuance does not require environmental review.

documentation, should be directed to the Senior Privacy Program Manager: Christopher A. Marsalis, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 W Summit Hill Dr. (WT 5D), Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1401; telephone (865) 632-2467 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at [camarsalis@tva.gov](mailto:camarsalis@tva.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Type of Request:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Title of Information Collection:* Employment Application.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3316-0063.

*Frequency of Use:* On Occasion.

*Type of Affected Public:* Individuals. *Small Businesses or Organizations Affected:* No.

*Federal Budget Functional Category Code:* 999.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 50,102.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 45,913.

*Estimated Average Burden Hours per Response:* .92.

*Need For and Use of Information:*

Applications for employment are needed to collect information on qualifications, suitability for employment, and eligibility for veteran's preference. The information is used to make comparative appraisals and to assist in selections. The affected public consists of individuals who apply for TVA employment.

**Andrea S. Brackett,**

*Director, TVA Cybersecurity.*

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**TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Tennessee Valley Authority.

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice of submission of information collection approval and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) will be requesting from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) reinstatement, without change, of TVA's Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery. This generic clearance will fast-track the process for TVA to seek feedback from the public, through surveys and similar feedback instruments, regarding TVA services and programs.

**DATES:** Comments should be sent to the Senior Privacy Program Manager no later than October 21, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be directed to the Senior Privacy Program Manager: Christopher A. Marsalis, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 W Summit Hill Dr. (WT 5D), Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1401; telephone (865) 632-2467 (this is not a toll-free number), or by email at [camarsalis@tva.gov](mailto:camarsalis@tva.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved information collection for which approval has expired.

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

*OMB Approval Number:* 3316-0114.

*Abstract:* Reinstatement of this information collection will enable TVA to obtain 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 not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide TVA with insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences, and expectations; help TVA quickly identify actual or potential problems with how the agency provides services to the public; or focus attention on areas where communication, training, or changes in operations might improve TVA's delivery of its products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between TVA and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

TVA will solicit feedback in areas such as: Timeliness, appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, efficiency of service delivery, and resolution of issues with service delivery. TVA will use the responses to plan and inform its efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service and programs offered to the public. If this information is not collected, TVA will not have access to vital feedback from customers and stakeholders about the agency's services and programs.

TVA will only submit an information 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 who 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 is intended to be used only internally for general service improvement and program management purposes and is not intended for release outside of the agency (if released, TVA will indicate the qualitative nature of the information);
- Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions; and
- Information gathered will yield qualitative information, and 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 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.

As a general matter, information collections will not result in any new system of records containing privacy information and will not ask questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

*Type of Affected Public:* Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Governments.

*Small Businesses or Organizations Affected:* Yes.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 10,000.