

effective indefinitely. Accordingly, if the Board does not approve or exempt the transaction that is the subject of STB Finance Docket No. 32943 (or if NCRA does not consummate the transaction even if it has been approved or exempted), NCRA would be required to continue service begun under the trackage rights agreement until it obtains discontinuance authority from the Board.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 32994, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Christopher J. Neary, Esq., 110 South Main Street, Suite C, Willits, CA 95490.

Decided: July 15, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.
Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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[STB Ex Parte No. 552]

Railroad Revenue Adequacy—1995 Determination

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.
ACTION: Notice of decision.

SUMMARY: On July 19, 1996, the Board served a decision announcing the 1995 revenue adequacy determinations for the Nation's Class I railroads. Three carriers (Illinois Central Railroad Company, Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, and Union Pacific Railroad Company) are found to be revenue adequate. The remaining Class I carriers are found to be revenue inadequate.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This decision is effective July 19, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leonard J. Blistein, (202) 927-6171.

[TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board is required to make an annual determination of railroad revenue adequacy. A railroad will be considered revenue adequate under 49 U.S.C. 10704(a) if it achieves a rate of return on net investment equal to at least the current cost of capital for the railroad industry for 1995, determined to be 11.7% in *Railroad Cost of Capital—1995*, Ex Parte No. 523 (Sub. No. 1) (STB served Jun. 5, 1996). In this proceeding, the Board applied the revenue adequacy standards to each Class I railroad, and it found that three carriers, Illinois Central Railroad Company, Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, and Union Pacific Railroad Company, were revenue adequate.

Additional information is contained in the Board's formal decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC NEWS & DATA, INC., Room 2229, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 927-5721.]

Environmental and Energy Considerations

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 603(b), we conclude that our action in this proceeding will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The purpose and effect of the action is merely to update the annual railroad industry revenue adequacy finding previously made by the Interstate Commerce Commission. No new reporting or other regulatory requirements are imposed, directly or indirectly, on small entities.

Decided: July 10, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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Surface Transportation Board¹

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 532X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Parkwood, Jefferson County, AL

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 0.9 miles of its line of railroad between milepost ANJ-968.3 and milepost ANJ-967.4 in Parkwood, Jefferson County, AL.

CSXT has 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 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 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 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 this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 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, this exemption will be effective on August 18, 1996, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² formal expressions of intent to file an

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to the Board's jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10903.

² The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service 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.

OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),³ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29⁴ must be filed by July 29, 1996. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by August 8, 1996, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Charles M. Rosenberger, Senior Counsel, 500 Water Street J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

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

CSXT has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by July 24, 1996. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 3219, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling Elaine Kaiser, Chief of SEA, at (202) 927-6248. 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.

Decided: July 12, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.
Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-0520.

Form Number: IRS Form MSR E-665 (formerly SWR E-665).

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Deduction for Depletion on Ground Water Used for Irrigation.

Description: This form is required by Rev. Proc. 66-11 as an attachment to the tax return. The form provides a standard method of computing and reporting water depletion deductions by taxpayers who extract ground water from the Ogallala geological formation. The Internal Revenue Service uses the information to determine if the depletion has been computed correctly.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, individuals or households, farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 2 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 4,000 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869 Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Milo Sunderhauf (202) 395-7340, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dale A. Morgan,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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Form Number: IRS Form 3975.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Tax Practitioner Annual Mailing List Application and Order Blank.

Description: Form 3975 allows a tax practitioner a systematic way to remain on the Tax Practitioner Mailing File and to order copies of tax materials.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 320,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 3 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 16,000 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Milo Sunderhauf (202) 395-7340, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dale A. Morgan,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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Fiscal Service

Renegotiation Board Interest Rate, Prompt Payment Interest Rate, Contracts Disputes Act

Although the Renegotiation Board is no longer in existence, other Federal Agencies are required to use interest rates computed under the criteria established by the Renegotiation Act of 1971 (Pub. L. 92-41). For example, the Contracts Disputes Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-563) and the Prompt Payment Act (Pub. L. 97-177) provide for the calculation of interest due on claims at a rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to Public Law 92-41 (85 Stat. 97) for the Renegotiation Board (31 U.S.C. 3902).

Therefore, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the above mentioned sections, the Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the rate of interest applicable for the purpose of said sections, for the period beginning July 1, 1996 and ending on December 31, 1996, is 7% per centum per annum.

Dated: July 15, 1996.

Russell D. Morris,

Acting Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

July 9, 1996.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this

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Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-0351.

³ See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

⁴ The Board will accept late-filed trail use requests so long as the abandonment has not been consummated and the abandoning railroad is willing to negotiate an agreement.