

citizens and interest groups. In addition, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. Agencies having an interest in or jurisdiction regarding the proposed action will be contacted through interagency coordination meetings and mailings.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed, and all substantive issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to FHWA or the Wisconsin Department of Transportation at the addresses provided in the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

(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 program)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-2000-6887]

Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections. This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 25, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments must refer to the docket notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Please identify the proposed collection of information for which a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB clearance Number. It is requested, but not required, that 2 copies of the comment be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact Mr. Joseph Scott, Office of Crash Avoidance Standards, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., D.C. 20590. Mr. Scott's telephone number is (202) 366-8525. His FAX number is (202) 493-2739. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

- (i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- (iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collections of information:

Title: Tires and Rim Labeling
OMB Control Number: 2127-0503

Affected Public: Tire and Rim Manufacturers

Form Number: The tires and rims are labeled in accordance with the agency's Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSSs) and regulations.

Abstract: Each tire manufacturer and rim manufacturer must label their tire or rim with the applicable safety information. These labeling requirements ensure that tires are mounted on the appropriate rims; and that the rims and tires are mounted on the vehicles for which they are intended.

Estimated Annual Burden: 5,679,585

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,673

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Stephen R. Kratzke,

Acting Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-2000-6886]

Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections. This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 25, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments must refer to the docket notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Please identify the proposed collection of information for which a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB clearance Number. It is requested, but not required, that 2

copies of the comment be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact Mr. Joseph Scott, Office of Crash Avoidance Standards, 400 Seventh Street, SW., DC 20590. Mr. Scott's telephone number is (202) 366-8525. His FAX number is (202) 493-2739. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) how to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(iv) how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collections of information:

Title: Tire Identification and Recordkeeping

OMB Control Number: 2127-0050.

Affected Public: Tire Manufacturers, Dealers, and Distributors.

Form Number: The forms on which the information is to be recorded are provided by the tire manufacturers to both independent and non-independent dealers. In the case of independent dealers, the law specifies that they must record the tire identification number(s) of the tire(s) sold on a registration form, and hand that form to the tire purchaser. The purchaser is then free to complete

the remaining information, place a stamp on the registration form, and return it to the tire manufacturer.

Abstract: Each tire manufacturer must collect and maintain records of the names and addresses of the first purchasers of new tires. All tire dealers and distributors must record the names and addresses of retail purchasers of new tires and the identification number(s) of the tires sold. A specific form is provided to tire dealers and distributors by tire manufacturers for recording this information. The completed forms are returned to the tire manufacturers where they are to remain for three years after the date received by the manufacturer. Additionally, motor vehicle manufacturers are required to record the names and addresses of the first purchasers of new motor vehicles, together with the identification numbers of the tires on the new vehicles.

Estimated Annual Burden: 747,500.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 37,400,000.

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Acting Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33819]

Chicago SouthShore & South Bend Railroad—Operation Exemption—Illinois Indiana Development Company, LLC

Chicago SouthShore & South Bend Railroad (CSS), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to operate approximately 25.888 miles of rail line to be owned by Illinois Indiana Development Company, LLC (IIDC) as follows: (1) a portion of the Michigan City Branch line from milepost 136.0 in Dillon, IN, to the end of the line, at milepost 158.518 in Michigan City, IN; and (2) approximately 3.37 miles of the South Bend Branch line from milepost 200.369 in Dillon, IN, to the end of the track in Kingsbury, IN. CSS states that it is a substitute operator for Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS), the previous operator of the line, and that it will operate the line pursuant to an operating agreement entered into with IIDC on or about January 24, 2000.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after February 3, 2000.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 33845, *Illinois Indiana Development Company, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Norfolk Southern Railway Company*, wherein IIDC seeks to acquire through a purchase and sale agreement, NS's interest in certain rail property including the above noted 25.888 mile line of railroad, and a concurrently filed petition for exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 33846, *Peter A. Gilbertson, et al., and SouthShore Corporation—Control Exemption—Illinois Indiana Development Company, LLC*, wherein Peter A. Gilbertson, et al., and SouthShore Corporation seek an exemption to continue in control of IIDC once it becomes a Class III rail carrier. The petition is currently pending.

Pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.42(e), and, as stated in STB Finance Docket No. 33846, CSS certified to the Board on November 22, 1999, that its projected revenues will exceed \$5 million, and that it served a copy of the notice on the national offices of the labor unions with a copy of its notice of intent to undertake the transaction and posted such notice at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines. CSS further indicated in its certification that IIDC will grant trackage rights over a small portion of the above-described rail line to NS, to enable it to connect with NS's retained portion of the South Bend Branch running east of the rail line. IIDC should seek the Board's approval for the trackage rights in a separate filing.

If the 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33819, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Rose-Michele Weinryb, Esq., Weiner, Brodsky, Sidman & Kider, P.C., 1350 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005-4797.

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