

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket Nos. AB-486 (Sub-No. 2X) and AB-33 (Sub. No. 154X)]

Kyle Railroad Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Smith, Phillips and Norton Counties, KS and Union Pacific Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Smith, Phillips and Norton Counties, KS

On August 28, 2000, Kyle Railroad Company (Kyle) and Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) (collectively, petitioners) jointly filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption¹ from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 for Kyle to discontinue service over and UP to abandon a 70.5-mile segment of a line of railroad known as the Lenora Branch, extending from milepost 552.7 near Harlan to the end of the line at milepost 623.6 near Lenora, in Smith, Phillips, and Norton Counties, KS.² The line traverses U.S. Postal Zip Codes 67638, 67628, 67626, 67644, 67639, 67661, 67646, and 67645, and includes the stations of Gaylord (milepost 557.8), Cedar (milepost 563.0), Claudell (milepost 567.4), Kirwin (milepost 572.4), Glade (milepost 583.1), Speed (milepost 589.8), Logan (milepost 598.5), and Edmond (milepost 612.9).

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 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 December 15, 2000.

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 the filing fee, which

currently is set at \$1,000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. 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 October 5, 2000. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket Nos. AB-486 (Sub-No. 2X) and AB-33 (Sub-No. 154X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001; (2) Fritz R. Kahn, 1920 N Street, N.W. (8th Floor), Washington, DC 20036-1601; and (3) James P. Gatlin, 1416 Dodge Street (#830), Omaha, NE 68179-0001. Replies to the petition are due on or before October 5, 2000.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1545. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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Decided: September 8, 2000.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33926]

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) over UP's lines as follows: (1) Between East Portland, OR, in the vicinity of UP's milepost 770.34, and Oakridge, OR, in the vicinity of UP's milepost 580.5 (UP's Brooklyn Subdivision); and (2) between Oakridge, OR, in the vicinity of UP's milepost 580.5 and Chemult, OR, in the vicinity of UP's milepost 502.9 (UP's Cascade Subdivision), a distance of approximately 245 miles.¹

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on September 15, 2000.

The primary purpose of the trackage rights is to allow BNSF to operate over an alternative line while BNSF's lines are undergoing maintenance and repair.

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. 33926, 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 Yolanda Grimes Brown, Esq., The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, P. O. Box 961039, Fort Worth, TX 76161-0039.

¹ On September 6, 2000, BNSF filed a petition for exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 33926 (Sub-No. 1), *The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company*, wherein BNSF requests that the Board permit the proposed overhead trackage rights arrangement described in the present proceeding to expire on November 11, 2000. That petition will be addressed by the Board in a separate decision.

¹ Petitioners' original petition for exemption was filed on August 23, 2000. On August 28, 2000, Kyle filed supplemental information that had been omitted from the original petition. Accordingly, August 28, 2000, when all of the required information was submitted, is considered to be the actual filing date and the due dates in this notice are based on that date.

² Petitioners state that milepost 582.52 is equivalent to milepost 582.92, which makes the line 0.4 mile shorter than it would appear from the terminal mileposts.

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Decided: September 8, 2000.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Government Securities: Call for Large Position Reports

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury ("Department" or "Treasury") called for the submission of Large Position Reports by those entities whose reportable positions in the 5-¾% Treasury Notes of August 2010 equaled or exceeded \$2 billion as of close of business September 12, 2000.

DATES: Large Position Reports must be received before noon Eastern time on September 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The reports must be submitted to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Securities Reports Division, 1st Floor, 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045; or faxed to 212-720-5030.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Santamorena, Executive Director; Lee Grandy, Associate Director; or Nadir Isfahani, Government Securities Specialist; Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, at 202-691-3632.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Department's large position rules under the Government Securities Act regulations (17 CFR Part 420), the Treasury, in a press release issued on September 13, 2000, and in this **Federal Register** notice, called for Large Position Reports from those entities whose reportable positions in the 5-¾% Treasury Notes of August 2010, Series C-2010, equaled or exceeded \$2 billion as of the close of business Tuesday, September 12, 2000. This call for Large Position Reports is a test. Entities whose reportable positions in this note equaled or exceeded the \$2 billion threshold must report these positions to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Entities with positions in this note below \$2 billion are not required to file Large Position Reports. Large Position Reports, which must include the required position and administrative

information, must be received by the Securities Reports Division of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York before noon Eastern time on Tuesday, September 19, 2000. The Reports may be filed by facsimile at (212) 720-5030 or delivered to the Bank at 33 Liberty Street, 1st floor.

The 5¾% Treasury Notes of August 2010 have a CUSIP number of 912827 6J 6, a STRIPS principal component CUSIP number of 912820 FT 9, and a maturity date of August 15, 2010.

The press release and a copy of a sample Large Position Report, which appears in Appendix B of the rules at 17 CFR Part 420, can be obtained by calling (202) 622-2040 and requesting document number 870. These documents are also available at the Bureau of the Public Debt's Internet site at the following address: <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov>.

Questions about Treasury's large position reporting rules should be directed to Public Debt's Government Securities Regulations Staff at (202) 691-3632. Questions regarding the method of submission of Large Position Reports may be directed to the Securities Reports Division of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at (212) 720-1449.

The collection of large position information has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act under OMB Control Number 1535-0089.

Dated: September 13, 2000.

Gary Gensler,

Under Secretary, Domestic Finance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within

the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Tobacco Products Manufacturers—Notice for Tobacco Products, ATF REC 5210/12 and Records of Operations, ATF REC 5210/1.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 14, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Linda Barnes, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Cliff Mullen, Regulations Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8181.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Tobacco Products Manufacturers—Notice for Tobacco Products, ATF REC 5210/12 and Records of Operations, ATF REC 5210/1.

OMB Number: 1512-0502.

Recordkeeping Requirement ID Number: ATF REC 5210/12 and ATF REC 5210/1.

Abstract: ATF requires tax identification on packages or cases which is used to validate excise tax payments and verify claims. In order to safeguard these taxes, tobacco products manufacturers are required to maintain a system of records designed to establish accountability over the tobacco products produced. The recordkeeping requirement for this information collection is 3 years.

Current Actions: There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 108.

Estimated Time Per Respondent:

None, records are usual and customary.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate