

**ADDRESSES:** Inquiries may be mailed or delivered to Sharon Sydow, Director of Agricultural Trade Policy, Office of Agricultural Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Sydow, Office of Agricultural Affairs, 202-395-6127.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 5 to chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS), the United States maintains tariff-rate quotas for imports of raw cane and refined sugar. Pursuant to additional U.S. Note 8 to chapter 17 of the HTS, the United States also maintains a tariff-rate quota for certain sugar-containing products.

Section 404(d)(3) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3601(d)(3)) authorizes the President to allocate the in-quota quantity of a tariff-rate quota for any agricultural product among supplying countries or customs areas. The President delegated this authority to the United States Trade Representative under paragraph (3) of Presidential Proclamation No. 6763 (60 FR 1007).

The in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quota for raw cane sugar for the period October 1, 2002–September 30, 2003, has been established by the Secretary of Agriculture at 1,117,195 metric tons, raw value (1,231,497 short tons), the minimum to which the United States is committed under the Uruguay Round Agreement. The quantity of 1,117,195 metric tons, raw value is being allocated to the following countries:

Country	FY 2003 Allocation
Argentina .....	45,281
Australia .....	87,402
Barbados .....	7,371
Belize .....	11,583
Bolivia .....	8,424
Brazil .....	152,691
Colombia .....	25,273
Congo .....	7,258
Cote d' Ivoire .....	7,258
Costa Rica .....	15,796
Dominican Republic .....	185,335
Ecuador .....	11,583
El Salvador .....	27,379
Fiji .....	9,477
Gabon .....	7,258
Guatemala .....	50,546
Guyana .....	12,636
Haiti .....	7,258
Honduras .....	10,530
India .....	8,424
Jamaica .....	11,583
Madagascar .....	7,258
Malawi .....	10,530
Mauritius .....	12,636
Mexico .....	7,258
Mozambique .....	13,690

Country	FY 2003 Allocation
Nicaragua .....	22,114
Panama .....	30,538
Papua New Guinea .....	7,258
Paraguay .....	7,258
Peru .....	43,175
Philippines .....	142,160
South Africa .....	24,220
St. Kitts & Nevis .....	7,258
Swaziland .....	16,849
Taiwan .....	12,636
Thailand .....	14,743
Trinidad-Tobago .....	7,371
Uruguay .....	7,258
Zimbabwe .....	12,636

These allocations are based on the countries' historical trade to the United States. The allocations of the raw cane sugar tariff-rate quota to countries that are net importers of sugar are conditioned on receipt of the appropriate verifications of origin.

This allocation includes the following minimum quota-holding countries: Congo, Cote d' Ivoire, Gabon, Haiti, Madagascar, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, St. Kitts & Nevis, and Uruguay.

The in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quota for refined sugar for the period October 1, 2002–September 30, 2003, has been established by the Secretary of Agriculture at 37,000 metric tons, raw value (40,786 short tons), of which the Secretary has reserved 16,656 metric tons (18,360 short tons) for specialty sugars. Of the quantity not reserved for specialty sugars, a total of 10,300 metric tons (11,354 short tons) is being allocated to Canada and 2,954 metric tons (3,256 short tons) is being allocated to Mexico. The remaining 7,090 metric tons (7,815 short tons) of the in-quota quantity not reserved for specialty sugars may be supplied by any country on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to any other provision of law. The 16,656 metric tons (18,360 short tons) reserved for specialty sugars is also not being allocated among supplying countries and is available on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to any other provision of law.

With respect to the tariff-rate quota for certain sugar-containing products maintained pursuant to additional U.S. Note 8 to chapter 17 of the HTS, 59,250 metric tons (65,312 short tons) of sugar-containing products is being allocated to Canada. The remaining in-quota quantity for this tariff-rate quota is available to other countries on a first-come, first-served basis.

Conversion factor: 1 metric ton = 1.10231125 short tons.

**Allen F. Johnson,**

*Chief Agriculture Negotiator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**[STB Finance Docket No. 34216]**

### South Dakota Railroad Authority– Acquisition Exemption–Rutland Line, Inc.

South Dakota Railroad Authority (SDRA), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire approximately 22.40 miles of track from Rutland Line, Inc. in Sargent County, ND. The line to be acquired is located between milepost 65.57 at the South Dakota/North Dakota border and milepost 43.17, including approximately 275 feet of track <sup>1</sup> at Geneseo Junction, ND. SDRA states that an operator for the line has not yet been determined. SDRA certifies that its projected annual revenues will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier.

SDRA reports that an agreement for the transaction was reached and the transaction was consummated on June 4, 2002. The effective date of the exemption was July 16, 2002 (7 days after the exemption was filed).

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. 34216, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Bruce E. Lindholm, Program Manager, 700 East Broadway Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "<http://www.stb.dot.gov>."

Decided: July 30, 2002.

<sup>1</sup> By letter filed July 22, 2002, SDRA requested modification of the notice of the exemption to include an additional 275 feet of track beyond milepost 43.17 (Geneseo Joint Section), so that a future operator of the line may be able to interchange with another carrier. SDRA indicates that an amendment to the purchase agreement will be executed to effect the change.

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. 34228]

#### **S&L Railroad, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Progress Rail Services Corporation d/b/a Sidney & Lowe Railroad**

S&L Railroad, LLC (S&L), a noncarrier and wholly owned subsidiary of Progress Rail Services Corporation doing business as Sidney & Lowe Railroad (PRSC), has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from PRSC and operate approximately 11 miles of rail line and connecting track known as the Sidney & Lowe Railroad Line, extending from milepost 0 at Huntsman, NE, where it connects with a rail line of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, to milepost 10 at Brownson, NE, where it connects with a rail line of Union Pacific Railroad Company.

According to S&L, an agreement has been reached between S&L and PRSC regarding the sale and operation of the rail line. S&L certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction do not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier, and that such revenues will not exceed \$5 million annually.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after July 22, 2002, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34228 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on J. Duane Cantrell, Progress Rail Services Corporation, 1600 Progress Drive, Albertville, AL 35950.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "<http://WWW.STB.DOT.GOV>."

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

Decided: July 29, 2002.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8874**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**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 IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8874, New Markets Credit.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before October 7, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, or through the internet ([CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov](mailto:CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov)), Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* New Markets Credit.

*OMB Number:* To be assigned later.

*Form Number:* Form 8874.

*Abstract:* Investors to claim a credit for equity investments made in Qualified Community Development Entities use Form 8874.

*Current Actions:* This is a new collection of information.

*Type of Review:* New OMB approval.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, and business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 10 hours, 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 100,900.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

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 of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: August 1, 2002.

**Carol Savage,**

*Program Analyst.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[REG-253578-96]

#### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**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,