

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34877]

Iowa River Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Rail Lines of North Central Railway Association, Inc., and Union Pacific Railroad Company

Iowa River Railroad, Inc. (IRR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31¹ to acquire (by purchase) and operate rail lines from: (1) North Central Railway Association, Inc., extending between milepost 201.46 at or near Ackley and milepost 212.0 at or near Steamboat Rock, a distance of 10.54 miles, in Hardin County, IA; and (2) Union Pacific Railroad Company, extending between milepost 212.0 at or near Steamboat Rock and milepost 243.35 at or near Marshalltown, a distance of 31.35 miles, in Hardin and Marshall Counties, IA. The total distance of rail lines to be purchased and operated by IRR is 41.89 miles.

IRR certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier.

IRR stated that the transaction would be consummated no sooner than 7 days after June 5, 2006.

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. 34877 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on: T. Scott Bannister, T. Scott Bannister & Associates, 111—Fifty-Sixth Street, Des Moines, IA 50312.

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Decided: June 27, 2006.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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¹ IRR's notice of exemption originally was filed on May 23, 2006, but was amended on June 1 and June 5, 2006. Therefore, the official filing date for the notice of exemption is June 5, 2006.

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[STB Finance Docket No. 34850 (Sub-No. 1)]

BNSF Railway Company—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), pursuant to an amended written trackage rights agreement entered into between UP and BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), has agreed to grant limited temporary overhead trackage rights to BNSF eastbound trains on: (1) UP's Dallas Subdivision from Tower 55 at Ft. Worth, TX (milepost 245.3), to Longview, TX (milepost 89.6); (2) UP's Little Rock Subdivision from Longview (milepost 89.6) to North Little Rock, AR (milepost 343.6); (3) UP's Hoxie Subdivision from North Little Rock (milepost 343.6) to Bald Knob, AR (milepost 287.9); and (4) UP's Memphis Subdivision from Bald Knob (milepost 287.9) to Kentucky Street, Memphis, TN (UP milepost 378.1), a distance of 542.2 miles. UP has also agreed to grant limited overhead trackage rights to BNSF for westbound trains on: (1) UP's Memphis Subdivision from Kentucky Street to Briark, AR (milepost 375.3); (2) UP's Brinkley Subdivision (milepost 4.1) to Brinkley, AR (milepost 70.6); (3) UP's Jonesboro Subdivision (milepost 200.5) to Pine Bluff, AR (milepost 264.2); (4) UP's Pine Bluff Subdivision (milepost 264.2) to Big Sandy, TX (milepost 525.1); and (5) UP's Dallas Subdivision (milepost 114.5) to Tower 55 at Ft. Worth (milepost 245.3), a distance of 526.3 miles.

The original trackage rights granted in *BNSF Railway Company—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 34850 (STB served Apr. 7, 2006) covered the same lines. The purpose of this transaction is to extend the expiration date of the trackage rights to July 15, 2006.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on July 3, 2006. The temporary trackage rights will facilitate a programmed maintenance outage.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the acquisition of the temporary 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), and any employees affected by the discontinuance of those trackage rights will be protected by the conditions set out in *Oregon Short Line*

R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8). 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. 34850 (Sub-No. 1), 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 Sidney L. Strickland, Jr. 3050 K Street, NW., Suite 101, Washington, DC 20007.

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Decided: June 29, 2006.

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 Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 441X)]

BNSF Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Kootenai County, ID

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 2.12 miles of rail line, extending from milepost 12.33 to milepost 14.45, in Coeur d'Alene in Kootenai County, ID. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 83814 and 83816.

BNSF 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 to be rerouted; (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 Surface Transportation 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 4, 2006, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by July 17, 2006. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by July 25, 2006, with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to BNSF's representative: Sidney L. Strickland, Jr., Sidney Strickland and Associates, PLLC, 3050 K Street, NW., Suite 101, Washington, DC 20007.

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

BNSF has filed a combined environmental report and historic report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by July 10, 2006. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423–0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565–1539. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.] Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days

¹ 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 (SEA) 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.

² Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which was increased to \$1,300 effective on April 19, 2006. See *Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection with Licensing and Related Services—2006 Update*, STB Ex Parte No. 542 (Sub-No. 13) (STB served Mar. 20, 2006).

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.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), BNSF shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by BNSF's filing of a notice of consummation by July 5, 2007, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: June 27, 2006.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

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 Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (the “Fund”) within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Fund's Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance Programs of the Fund's Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 5, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Margaret Nilson, CDFI Programs Manager, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South,

Washington, DC 20005, Facsimile Number (202) 622–7754.

A draft of the information collection for the FA/TA Application may be obtained from the Fund's Web site at <http://www.cdfifund.gov>. Requests for additional information should be directed to Margaret Nilson, CDFI Program Manager, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005, or call (202) 622–8662.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund—Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance Application.

OMB Number: 1559–0021 (FA).

OMB Number: 1559–0022 (TA).

Abstract: The purpose of the Fund's CDFI Program is to promote economic revitalization and community development through investment in and assistance to certified CDFIs. Through the CDFI Program, the Fund provides financial and technical assistance in the form of grants, loans, equity investments, and deposits to competitively selected CDFIs and entities proposing to become CDFIs. The Fund provides such assistance to CDFIs to enhance their capacity to address the community development and capital access needs of their particular target markets, including Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities. On February 13, 2006, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (the Fund) closed the FY 2006 round of the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program combining the Financial Assistance (FA) and Technical Assistance (TA) Components. Subsequent to the closing of this round, the Fund re-evaluated all CDFI Program Application materials, made some enhancements and expects to make more enhancements to the Application in the interests of reducing the collection burden for Applicants, clarifying certain questions, and improving the Fund's ability to evaluate Applications. Overall, the Fund reduced the number of questions in the Application from 56 in 2005 to 30 in 2006 and reduced the number of tables from 25 to eight.

Type of Review: Revision.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions, businesses or other for-profit institutions and tribal entities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Annual Time per Respondent: 40.