

**ACTION:** Notice of Amtrak Reform Council meeting.

**SUMMARY:** As provided in Section 203 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) gives notice of a meeting of the Amtrak Reform Council ("ARC"). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a draft of the Council's Charter, to receive a briefing from the Department of Transportation's Inspector General regarding the independent assessment of Amtrak's financial needs, and to take up such other matters as the Council or its members deem appropriate.

**DATES:** The ARC meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST on Monday, July 6, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Room 235 in the Hall of States at 444 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Persons in need of special arrangements should contact the person whose name is listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Arrigo Mongini, Deputy Associate Administrator for Railroad Development, FRA, RDV-2, Mail Stop 20, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 (mailing address only) or by telephone at (202) 632-3286.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ARC was created by the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (ARAA) as an independent commission to evaluate Amtrak's performance and make recommendations to Amtrak for achieving further cost containment and productivity improvements, and financial reforms. In addition, the ARAA requires: that the ARC monitor cost savings resulting from work rules established under new agreements between Amtrak and its labor unions; that the ARC provide an annual report to Congress that includes an assessment of Amtrak's progress on the resolution of productivity issues; and that after two years the ARC begin to make findings on whether Amtrak can meet certain financial goals and, if not, to notify the President and the Congress.

The ARAA provides that the ARC consist of eleven members, including the Secretary of Transportation and ten others nominated by the President or Congressional leaders. Each member is to serve a 5 year term.

Issued in Washington, DC on June 26, 1998.

**Mark E. Yachmetz,**

*Chief, Passenger Programs Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

#### Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received requests from Mayer, Brown & Platt on behalf of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) (WB461-1-6/2/98), and from the General American Transportation Corporation (WB512-4-6/15/98) for permission to use certain data from the Board's Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of these requests may be obtained from the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.8.

Contact: James A. Nash, (202) 565-1542.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 116X)]

#### Union Pacific Railroad Company; Abandonment Exemption; in Salt Lake County, UT

On June 12, 1998, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903-10905<sup>1</sup> to abandon three rail line segments as follows: (1) the Provo Subdivision, between milepost

799.0 and milepost 800.26 (1.26 miles); (2) the Passenger Line Industrial Lead, between milepost 782.32 and milepost 782.79 (0.47-mile); and (3) the Provo Subdivision Running Track Passenger Line, between milepost 744.20 and milepost 745.48 (1.28 miles), a total distance of 3.01 miles in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, UT. The line segments traverse U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 84101 and 84104. The line segments include the non-agency rail stations of Grant Tower (milepost 800.10), Salt Lake City (milepost 782.79), UP 9th St. Crossing (milepost 744.20), and Salt Lake City (milepost 745.40).

The line segments do 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 the conditions set forth in *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 September 30, 1998.

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 a \$1,000 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line segments, the segments 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 July 22, 1998.<sup>2</sup> 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 No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 116X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001, and (2) Joseph D. Anthofer, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179-0830. Replies to the UP petition are due on or before July 22, 1998.

<sup>1</sup> In addition to an exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10903, UP seeks exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10904 (offer of financial assistance procedures) and 49 U.S.C. 10905 (public use conditions). UP also requests "that the exemptions be effective on the date after the date of service" of the final decision. These requests will be addressed in the final decision.

<sup>2</sup> UP states that the line segments are located on Salt Lake City streets within a city project area which is commonly referred to as the Gateway Project. UP points out that exemption from the OFA procedures and public use conditions will allow a prompt conveyance of the right-of-way underlying the line segments to the Utah Department of Transportation and Salt Lake City Corporation, as required for the city's Gateway Project.

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 (202) 565-1695.]

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 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: June 25, 1998.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1040-TeleFile and Form 8855-V, TeleFile Payment Voucher

**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 1040-TeleFile and Form 8855-V, TeleFile Payment Voucher.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before August 31, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 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 Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* 1040-TeleFile and TeleFile Payment Voucher (Form 8855-V).

*OMB Number:* 1545-1277.

*Form Number:* 1040-TeleFile and Form 8855-V.

*Abstract:* Certain Form 1040EZ filers are given the option of using a simplified method of filing their tax return by telephone. The taxpayer enters certain minimal items of information on the TeleFile Tax Record and calls the IRS with a touch-tone telephone. The automated system figures the tax and any refund or balance due while the taxpayer is still on the phone.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,900,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 1 hr., 22 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 8,095,000.

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: June 22, 1998.

**Garrick R. Shear,**

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request For Form 8863

**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 8863, Education Credits (Hope and lifetime learning credits).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before August 31, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 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, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Education Credits (Hope and lifetime learning credits).

*OMB Number:* To be assigned later.

*Form Number:* 8863.

*Abstract:* Section 25A of the Internal Revenue Code allows for two education credits, the Hope credit and the lifetime learning credit. Form 8863 will be used to compute the amount of the allowable