

burden, and ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., EDT, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.  
Dated: April 6, 2000.

**Joel C. Richard.**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33822]

#### Tuscola and Saginaw Bay Railway Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated, and Central Michigan Railway Company

Tuscola and Saginaw Bay Railway Company (TSBY), a Class III common carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 for its acquisition of a Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated (GTW) rail line extending from milepost 105.0 to milepost 109.46, in Owosso, MI, including a short connecting track extending from milepost 63.9 (approximately milepost 107.5 on the first segment) to milepost 64.4, in Owosso, a total distance of approximately 4.96 miles (Owosso Trackage).<sup>1</sup> Additionally, as part of the exemption, TSBY seeks to continue operations on the Durand-Owosso Line as follows: (1) Over GTW's line between milepost 94.0 and milepost 97.5, in Durand; (2) over Central Michigan Railway Company's (CMGN) main line between milepost 97.5, in Durand, and milepost 105, in Owosso; and (3) within CMGN's San Yard, between milepost 105 and milepost 106, in Owosso. The total distance of TSBY's operations on the Durand-Owosso Line is approximately 12 miles.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> TSBY states that it acquired the Owosso Trackage pursuant to a Real Estate Purchase Contract dated October 28, 1997, and that the acquisition was completed on January 5, 1998. TSBY further states that it has been operating the Owosso Trackage in conjunction with other TSBY lines radiating out of Owosso since 1982 and that it will continue to operate the Owosso Trackage.

<sup>2</sup> TSBY represents that it has been conducting only overhead operations on the Durand-Owosso Line pursuant to an Operating Agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation dated

Apparently unaware until recently that further regulatory authorization was needed, TSBY did not file its verified notice of exemption with the Board until March 30, 2000. Thus, the effective date of the exemption is April 6, 2000 (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 does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33822, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Kevin M. Sheys, Esq., Oppenheimer Wolff Donnelly & Bayh LLP, 1350 Eye Street, N.W., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005-3324.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: April 4, 2000.

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

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration

#### Proposed Collection: Confirmation Letter 001 (Levy)

**AGENCY:** Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA), Office of Audit.

**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

September 19, 1985, as amended, but that its operation of the Durand-Owosso Line also dates to 1982. In 1995, TSBY attempted to obtain a modified certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1150, Subpart C, to operate the Owosso Trackage and the Durand-Owosso Line. See *Tuscola and Saginaw Bay Railway Company, Inc., Modified Certificate*, Finance Docket No. 32743 (ICC served Oct. 12, 1995).

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)). Currently TIGTA is soliciting comments concerning Confirmation Letter 001 (Levy).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received by June 12, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Roger K. Layman, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Room 6109, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224, Fax (202) 622-5089, Internet

*Roger.Layman@tigta.treas.gov.*

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Roger K. Layman, (202) 622-5969, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Room 6109, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20224, Fax (202) 622-5089, Internet

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Confirmation Letter 001 (Levy).  
*OMB Number:* 1591-0001.

*Abstract:* Using a confirmation letter, TIGTA will request information from taxpayers to determine the accuracy of IRS records. Confirmation letters will be sent to taxpayers to verify that they were notified of levy action as required by law. Use of the confirmation letters satisfies General Accounting Office auditing standards for obtaining sufficient, competent, and relevant evidence to afford a reasonable basis for the auditors' judgements and conclusions.

*Current Action:* There are no changes being made to Confirmation Letter 001, Levy at this time.

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

*Affected Public:* Individuals and businesses.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 120.

*Estimated Time for Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 30.

*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 a 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.

The following paragraphs apply to all of the collections of information covered by this notice.

The 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.

Dated: February 9, 2000.

**Margaret E. Begg,**

*Director, Office of Management and Policy, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Office of Audit.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration

#### Proposed Collection: Confirmation Letter 002 (Lien)

**AGENCY:** Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA), Office of Audit.

**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 TIGTA is soliciting comments concerning Confirmation Letter 002 (Lien).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received by June 12, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Roger K. Layman, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Room

6109, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC. 20224, Fax (202) 622-5089, Internet

*Roger.Layman@tigta.treas.gov*

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Roger K. Layman, (202) 622-5969, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Room 6109, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC. 20224, Fax (202) 622-5089, Internet

*Roger.Layman@tigta.treas.gov.*

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Confirmation Letter 002 (Lien).

*OMB Number:* 1591-0002.

*Abstract:* Using a confirmation letter, TIGTA will request information from taxpayers to determine the accuracy of IRS records. Confirmation letters will be sent to taxpayers to verify that they were notified of lien action as required by law. Use of the confirmation letters satisfies General Accounting Office auditing standards for obtaining sufficient, competent, and relevant evidence to afford a reasonable basis for the auditors' judgements and conclusions.

*Current Action:* There are no changes being made to Confirmation Letter 002, Lien at this time.

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

*Affected Public:* Individuals and businesses.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 120.

*Estimated Time for Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 30.

*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 a 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.

The following paragraphs apply to all of the collections of information covered by this notice.

The 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.

Dated: February 9, 2000.

**Margaret E. Begg,**

*Director, Office of Management and Policy, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Office of Audit.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Forms 7018 and 7018-A

**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 7018, Employer's Order Blank for Forms, and Form 7018-A, Employer's Order Blank for 2000 Forms.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before June 12, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5242, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**