

to more projects, since the requests far exceed the funding available.

11. **Commitment of Other Funds**—Indicate the amounts and sources of any private or other public funding being provided as part of this project. Only indicate those amounts of funding that are firm and documented commitments from the entity controlling the funds.

12. **Previous FBD Discretionary Funding**—Indicate the amount and Federal fiscal year of any previous FBD discretionary funds received for this project, terminals or ferry boats operating on this route or transit system. Only include previous FBD discretionary funds, not other funding sources.

13. **Future Funding Needs**—Indicate the estimated future funding needs for the ferry boat operation, including vessels and terminals, if known. Also, provide estimated time schedules for implementing future projects.

14. **Project Purpose and Benefits**—Each State's request for ferry boat discretionary funds must describe the project benefits and purpose. This information should not be lengthy, it should be in short and concise (three to five) statements. Layman's language should be used to the extent possible so as to be understood by a reader that is not closely familiar with the highway and ferry boat operations. This information will also be used for briefings and bulletins.

15. **Project Area Map**—A readable location/vicinity map showing the ferry route and terminal connections is helpful if available. The map may be submitted electronically along with the candidate application or separately as a hard copy (black and white, letter or legal paper size).

#### *State Transportation Agency Responsibilities*

1. Coordinate with State and local agencies within the State to develop viable candidate projects.
2. Ensure that the applications for candidate projects meet the submission requirements outlined above.
3. Establish priorities. If the State submits more than one candidate project, we request that the State rank the projects according to the State's overall needs and priorities.
4. Submit the applications to the local FHWA division office, in advance of the established FHWA Headquarters deadline (contained in the FHWA Headquarter's solicitation memorandum). The Division's request for candidate projects should allow enough time to meet the responsibilities outlined below and any additional coordination as mutually agreed upon.

#### *FHWA Division Office Responsibilities*

1. Provide the solicitation memorandum and this program information to the State transportation agency.
2. Request candidate projects be submitted by the State to the FHWA division office to meet submission deadline established in the solicitation memorandum.
3. Review all candidate applications submitted by the State prior to sending them to FHWA Headquarters to ensure that they are eligible, complete and meet the submission requirements.
4. Submit the candidate applications to FHWA Headquarters by the established submission deadline.

#### *FHWA Headquarters Program Office Responsibilities*

1. Solicit candidates from the States through annual solicitation memorandum.
2. Review candidate project submissions and compile program and project information for preparation of allocation plan.
3. Submit allocation plan to the Office of the Federal Highway Administrator for use in making final project selections.
4. Allocate funds for the selected projects.

#### *FHWA Headquarters Program Office Contact*

Mr. Jack Wasley, Highway Engineer, Office of Program Administration, Phone: (202) 366-4658, Fax: (202) 366-3988, E-mail: [jack.wasley@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:jack.wasley@fhwa.dot.gov).

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Maritime Administration**

**[Docket No. MARAD-2000-7204]**

#### **Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations**

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD) intentions to request approval for three years of an existing information collection entitled "Request for Transfer of Ownership, Registry, and Flag, or Charter, Lease, or Mortgage of U.S. Citizen Owned Documented Vessels,"

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before June 12, 2000.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Raymond R. Barberesi, Director, Office of Sealift Support, MAR-630, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 7307, Washington, D.C. 20590, telephone number—202-366-2323 or 202-493-2180. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* "Request for Transfer of Ownership, Registry, and Flag, or Charter, Lease, or Mortgage of U.S. Citizen Owned Documented Vessels".

*Type of Request:* Approval of an existing information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0006.

*Form Number:* MA-29, MA-29A, MA-29B (Note: MA-29A is only used in cases of a National Emergency.)

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Three years from the date of approval.

*Summary of Collection of Information:* In accordance with Section 9 of the Shipping Act, 1916, as amended, the Maritime Administration is required to approve the sale, transfer, charter, lease, or mortgage of U.S. documented vessels to non-citizens, or the transfer of such vessels to foreign registry and flag, or the transfer of foreign flag vessels by their owners as required by various contractual requirements.

*Need and Use of the Information:* This information collection requires a vessel owner to submit an application for a prospective foreign transfer of a U.S.-flag vessel. This information will assist in the determination of whether the vessel proposed for transfer will initially require retention under the U.S.-flag statutory regulation. In such instances, the application is reviewed and cleared for approval by specialists within MARAD and the Department of Defense, U.S. TRANSCOM.

*Description of Respondents:* Respondents are vessel owners who have applied for foreign transfer of U.S.-flag vessels.

*Annual Responses:* 100 responses.

*Annual Burden:* 200 hours.

*Comments:* Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Specifically, address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the function of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this

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

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

#### 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