

In addition to an exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10903, petitioner seeks exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10904 (offer of financial assistance procedures) and 49 U.S.C. 10905 (public use conditions). In support, UP contends that exemption from these provisions is necessary to permit its conveyance to the sole shipper on the line, Cargill, Inc. (Cargill), of a segment of the line between mileposts 312.1 and 315 for construction of a plant switching facility. The switching operation is necessary for construction by Cargill of a private rail line that will run south from the plant to The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company's main line. UP also requests expedited consideration of the exemption petition, including effectiveness of the exemption on service of the final decision. UP avers that expedited action is necessary here because Cargill urgently needs the right-of-way. These requests will be addressed in the final decision.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in UP'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 1, 2000.

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 offer 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, the line 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 June 22, 2000. 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. 153X) 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) James P. Gatlin, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE

68179-0830. Replies to the UP petition are due on or before June 22, 2000.

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 1-800-877-8339.]

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 made 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.

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

Decided: May 25, 2000.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 26, 2000.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before July 3, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

### Departmental Offices/Office of International Investment

*OMB Number:* 1505-0121.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Regulations Pertaining to Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeovers by Foreign Persons.

*Description:* Treasury disseminates to other agencies that are members of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) information collected under the regulations from parties involved in a foreign acquisition of a U.S. company in order to do a national security analysis of the acquisition.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 60 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 6,000 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Lois K. Holland, (202) 622-1563, Departmental Offices, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20220.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Lois K. Holland,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

[Docket No. 00-12]

### Notice of Request for Preemption Determination

**AGENCY:** Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) is publishing for comment a written request for the OCC's determination of whether Federal law preempts certain provisions of the West Virginia Insurance Sales Consumer Protection Act (West Virginia Law). The purpose of this notice and request for comment is to provide interested persons with an opportunity to submit comments prior to the OCC's issuance of any final opinion in this matter.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 3, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to the Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E