

environmental impact statement is no longer being prepared for a previously proposed highway project [FEGC 419–3(44)] in Rutland County, Vermont.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth R. Sikora, Jr., FHWA Environmental Program Manager, P.O. Box 568, Montpelier, Vermont 05601, telephone: (802) 828–4423; or David J. Scott, P.E., Director of Project Development, Vermont Agency of Transportation, National Life Building, Drawer 33, Montpelier, Vermont 05633–5001, telephone: (802) 828–2663.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a bypass or upgrade of U.S. Routes 4 and 7 in Rutland, Vermont, was published by FHWA in the March 22, 1993 **Federal Register**. A Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed project was issued in the December 19, 1997 **Federal Register**. The DEIS was circulated with the comment period ending on March 6, 1998.

Because of the many environmental issues associated with the preferred alternative, the Vermont Legislature terminated the environmental impact study for the project in Section 1(c)(2) of Act 156 of the 1999–2000 Legislative Session. Accordingly, FHWA has determined that a Final Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33949]

Albany & Eastern Railroad Company— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Albany & Eastern Railroad Company (AERC), a Class III carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire by lease from Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and operate the Mill City Branch

extending from milepost 689.64, at Page, and milepost 725.71, at Mill City, a distance of 48.57 miles in Marion and Linn Counties, OR (line).¹ AERC will replace the Willamette Valley Railway Company (WVRY) as the lessee and operator of the line.²

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or after October 20, 2000.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding 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. 33949, 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, a copy of each pleading must be served on Fritz R. Kahn, Esq., Fritz R. Kahn, P.C., 1920 N Street, N.W., 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20036.

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Decided: October 19, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33947]

Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad, Inc.—Operation Exemption—State of Wisconsin and Washburn County Transit Commission

Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad, Inc. (WGNR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption (notice) under 49 CFR 1150.31 to operate a 19.48-mile rail line (line) in Washburn County, WI, owned by the State of Wisconsin and the Washburn County

¹ The line serves the intermediate stations of Lebanon, Crabtree, and Lyons, OR. The verified notice indicates that a milepost equation near Tallman, OR, 684.87=697.37, makes the line 12.50 miles longer than would appear from the terminal mileposts.

² WVRY was authorized to lease and operate the line pursuant to *Willamette Valley Railway Company—Acquisition, Lease and Operation Exemption—Southern Pacific Transportation Company*, Finance Docket No. 32249 (ICC served Mar. 5, 1993).

Transit Commission. The line extends between milepost 80.8, at or near Spooner, and milepost 96.0, at a point of connection with Wisconsin Central, Ltd (WC), at Hayward Junction, including approximately .8 miles of incidental trackage rights over WC's line between milepost 95.2 and milepost 96.0.¹

The transaction is expected to be consummated no earlier than the October 20, 2000 effective date of the exemption.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to reopen will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33947, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas F. McFarland, Jr., Esq., McFarland & Herman, 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1330, Chicago, IL 60606–2902.

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

Decided: October 19, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Office of the General Counsel; Appointment of Members of the Legal Division to the Performance Review Board

Under the authority granted to me as Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service by the General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury by General Counsel Order No. 21 (Rev. 4), pursuant to the Civil Service Reform Act, I have appointed the following persons to the

¹ The line is a continuous rail line consisting of two segments: (1) Between milepost 80.8, at or near Spooner, and milepost 87.6, at or near Trego, a distance of 6.8 miles; and (2) between milepost 83.32, at or near Trego, and milepost 96.0, at Hayward Junction, a distance of 12.68 miles. WGNR currently provides rail passenger service over the line.

Legal Division Performance Review Board, Internal Revenue Service Panel:

1. Chairperson, Judith C. Dunn, Deputy Chief Counsel (Operations);
2. Thomas M. McGivern, Counselor to the General Counsel;
3. Cynthia J. Mattson, Deputy Division Counsel (Large and Mid-Size Business);
4. Martha Sullivan, Deputy Division Counsel (Small Business/Self Employed);
5. Richard J. Mihelcic, Associate Chief Counsel (Finance and Management);
6. Heather C. Maloy, Associate Chief Counsel (Income Tax and Accounting);
7. Joseph F. Maselli, Area Counsel (Large and Mid-Size Business)(Area 2)(Heavy Manufacturing, Construction and Transportation).

In addition, I hereby appoint the following persons to serve on the Performance Review Board for the Deputies Chief Counsel:

8. Robert E. Wenzel, Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue; and
9. Eric Solomon, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy).

This publication is required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

Dated: October 23, 2000.

Stuart L. Brown,

Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service.

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65 FR 40896, 40897, and 40903, June 30, 2000.

With respect to any bonds, including continuous bonds, currently in force with above listed Companies, bond-approving officers should secure new bonds with acceptable sureties in those instances where a significant amount of liability remains outstanding. In addition, bonds that are continuous in nature should not be renewed.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570/index.html>. A hard copy may be purchased from the Government Printing Office (GPO), Subscription Service, Washington, DC, telephone (202) 512-1800. When ordering the Circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 048-000-00536-5.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6A04, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Dated: October 16, 2000.

Judith R. Tillman,

Assistant Commissioner, Financial Operations, Financial Management Service.

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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 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: United States Additional Estate Tax Return.

OMB Number: 1545-0016.

Form Number: Form 706-A.

Abstract: Form 706-A is used by individuals to compute and pay the additional estate taxes due under Internal Revenue Code section 2032A(c) for an early disposition of specially valued property or for an early cessation of a qualified use of such property. The IRS uses the information to determine that the taxes have been properly computed.

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: 180.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 8 hr., 11 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,474.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds—Terminations; Reliance Insurance Company, Reliance Insurance Company of Illinois, Reliance National Indemnity Company, Reliance Surety Company, United Pacific Insurance Company

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is Supplement No. 2 to the Treasury Department Circular 570; 2000 Revision, published June 30, 2000, at 65 FR 40868.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874-6507.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Certificates of Authority issued by the Treasury to the above named Companies, under the United States Code, Title 31, Sections 9304-9308, to qualify as acceptable sureties on Federal bonds are terminated effective immediately.

The Companies were last listed as acceptable sureties on Federal bonds at

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 706-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 706-A, United States Additional Estate Tax Return.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 26, 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.