

deferral of Federal income taxes on certain deposits of money or other property placed into a CCF.

Need and Use of the Information: The collected information is necessary for MARAD to determine an applicant's eligibility to enter into a CCF Agreement.

Description of Respondents: U.S. citizens who own or lease one or more eligible vessels and who have a program to provide for the acquisition, construction or reconstruction of a qualified vessel.

Annual Responses: 140.

Annual Burden: 2130 hours total.

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, DC 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: September 19, 2002.

Murray A. Bloom,

Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub-No. 5)(2002-4)]

Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, Transportation.

ACTION: Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

SUMMARY: The Board has approved the fourth quarter 2002 rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. The fourth quarter 2002 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.108. The fourth

quarter 2002 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.575. The fourth quarter 2002 RCAF-5 is 0.556.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: H. Jeff Warren, (202) 565-1533. Federal Information Relay Services (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: Da-To-Da Legal, Suite 405, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, phone (202) 293-7776. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS: 1-800-877-8339.]

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Dated: Decided: September 19, 2002.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Burkes.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 30142 (Sub-No. 5)]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Extension of Lease Exemption—Virginia and Southwestern Railway Company

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR),¹ a Class I rail carrier, has leased and operated the properties of its wholly owned subsidiary, Virginia and Southern Railway Company (VSW), consisting of approximately 100 miles of rail line in Tennessee and Virginia, under a lease originally authorized by the Board's predecessor, the Interstate Commerce Commission, in 1958. The lease, which has been extended five times, is scheduled to expire on March 14, 2003. The railroads have agreed to extend the lease until March 14, 2023.

This verified notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3), which exempts

¹NSR, formerly known as Southern Railway Company, is controlled through stock ownership by Norfolk Southern Corporation, a noncarrier holding company.

transactions within a corporate family and do not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or a change in the competitive balance with carriers outside the corporate family; and 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(4), which exempts renewals of leases and other matters where the Board has previously authorized the transactions, and only an extension in time is involved.

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.

Any employee affected by the subject transaction will be protected by the labor conditions imposed in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 354 I.C.C. 732 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980), *aff'd sub nom. RLEA v. ICC*, 675 F.2d 1248 (D.C. Cir. 1982).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 30142 (Sub-No. 5), must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on David A. Shelton, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510-9241.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at WWW.STB.DOT.GOV.

Decided: September 17, 2002.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0028]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted

below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 25, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030 or FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0028".

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0028".

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles:

- a. Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List, VA Form 3215.
- b. Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70-2.
- c. Request for and Consent to Release of Information from Claimant's Records, VA Form 3288.
- d. 38 CFR(A) 1.519 Lists of Names and Addresses.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0028.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract:

a. VA operates an outreach services program to ensure veterans and beneficiaries have information about benefits and services to which they may be entitled. To support the program, VA distributes copies of publications to veterans service organizations' representatives to use in rendering

services and representation of veterans, their spouses and dependents. The information collected on VA Form 3215 is used to process a request from a service organization to be placed on the mailing list for specific VA publications.

b. VA Form Letter 70-2 is used to obtain additional information from a correspondent when the incoming correspondence does not provide sufficient information to identify a veteran. VA personnel use the information to identify the veteran, determine the location of a specific file, and to accomplish the action requested by the correspondent such as; process a benefit claim or file material in the individual's claims folder. Completion of the form is voluntary and failure to furnish the requested information has no adverse effect on either the veteran or the correspondent.

c. VA Form 3288 is completed by veterans or beneficiaries to provide VA with a written consent to release records or information to third parties such as insurance companies, physicians and other individuals.

d. Title 38, U.S.C., 5701(f)(1) authorizes VA to disclose mailing lists of veterans and their dependents to nonprofit organizations, but only for certain specific and narrow purposes. Criminal penalties are provided for improper use of the list by the organization in violation of subsection (f) limitations. The information collection in this regulation ensures that any disclosure of a list under this subsection is authorized by law. VA must ascertain that the applicant is a nonprofit organization and intends to use the list for a proper purpose; if not, Title 38, U.S.C., 5701(a) prohibits disclosure.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection

of information was published on June 13, 2002, at pages 40770-40771.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, not for profit institutions, and State, local or tribal government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 22,700 hours.

a. Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List, VA Form 3215—25 hours.

b. Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70-2—3,750 hours.

c. Request for and Consent to Release of Information From Claimant's Records, VA Form 3288—18,875 hours.

d. 38 CFR(A) 1.519 Lists of Names and Addresses—50 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

a. Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List, VA Form 3215—10 minutes.

b. Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70-2—5 minutes.

c. Request for and Consent to Release of Information From Claimant's Records, VA Form 3288—7.5 minutes.

d. 38 CFR(A) 1.519 Lists of Names and Addresses—60 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 196,200.

a. Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List, VA Form 3215—150.

b. Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70-2—45,000.

c. Request for and Consent to Release of Information From Claimant's Records, VA Form 3288—151,000.

d. 38 CFR(A) 1.519 Lists of Names and Addresses—50.

Dated: September 5, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Ernesto Castro,

Director, Records Management Service.

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