

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors (the Board) will continue its work in developing and implementing the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement and to that end, may consider matters properly before the Board.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Avelino Gutierrez, Chair, Unified Carrier Registration Board of Directors at (505) 827-4565.

Dated: September 21, 2007.

William A. Quade,

Associate Administrator, Enforcement and Program Delivery.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requirement (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on July 20, 2007 (See 72 FR 39886).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 26, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292), or Ms. Gina Christodoulou, Office of Support Systems Staff, RAD-43, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6139). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law No. 104-13, section 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as

revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.12. On July 20, 2007, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comment on ICRs that the agency was seeking OMB approval. 72 FR 39886. FRA received no comments in response to this notice.

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30 day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b)-(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); *see also* 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes that the 30 day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect. 5 CFR 1320.12(c); *see also* 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995.

The summaries below describe the nature of the information collection requirements (ICRs) and the expected burden. The revised requirements are being submitted for clearance by OMB as required by the PRA.

Title: Railroad Communications (Formerly Transmission of Train Orders by Radio).

OMB Control Number: 2130-0524.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Railroads.

Form(s): N/A.

Abstract: The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) amended its radio standards and procedures to promote compliance by making regulations more flexible; to require wireless communications devices, including radios, for specified classifications of railroad operations and roadway workers; and to re-title this part to reflect its coverage of other means of wireless communications such as cellular telephones, data radio terminals, and other forms of wireless communications to convey emergency and need-to-know information. The new rule establishes safe, uniform procedures covering the use of radio and other wireless communications within the railroad industry.

Annual Estimated Burden: 238,704 hours.

Addressee: Send comments regarding these information collections to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503; Attention: FRA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on the following: Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of FRA, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

Issued in Washington, DC on September 19, 2007.

D.J. Stadler,

Director, Office of Financial Management, Federal Railroad Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 670]

Establishment of a Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of membership of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (Board) hereby gives notice of the membership of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Scott M. Zimmerman at 202-245-0202. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By a decision served on March 9, 2007, the Board announced its proposal to establish a Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) and solicited public comment on the advisability of establishing such a committee, the size and composition of

the committee, and the scope of its mandate. Based on a review of the comments received and consultation with the General Services Administration, the Board, in a decision served July 17, 2007, announced that it is establishing RETAC and developed a charter to govern its operation. RETAC will provide advice and guidance to the Board, and serve as a forum for discussion of emerging issues regarding the transportation by rail of energy resources, particularly, but not necessarily limited to, coal, ethanol, and other biofuels.

In its July 2007 decision, the Board also requested suggestions for candidates for membership on RETAC. The Board stated that RETAC will be balanced and representative of interested and affected parties, and will consist of not less than: 5 representatives from the Class I railroads, 3 representatives from Class II and III railroads, 3 representatives from coal producers, 5 representatives from electric utilities (including at least one rural electric cooperative and one state- or municipally-owned utility), 4 representatives from biofuel refiners, processors, or distributors, or biofuel feedstock growers or providers, and 2 representatives from private car owners, car lessors, or car manufacturers. RETAC may also include up to 3 members with relevant experience but not necessarily affiliated with one of the aforementioned industries or sectors. The Chairman of the Board may invite representatives from the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Energy and Transportation and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to serve on RETAC in advisory capacities as *ex officio* (non-voting) members, and the three members of the Board shall serve as *ex officio* members of the Committee as well.

Accordingly, attached to this decision is a list of the candidates who, in accordance with the RETAC charter, have been selected by the Chairman with a concurrence of a majority of the Board to serve as members of RETAC for the first 2-year term.

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

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 721, 49 U.S.C. 11101; 49 U.S.C. 11121.

Decided: September 21, 2007.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

Appendix—Surface Transportation Board Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Members

Class I Railroads

Stevan Bobb, Group Vice President—Coal, BNSF Railway Company
Paul Hammes, Vice President and General Manager—Agricultural Products, Union Pacific Railroad Company
Henry Rupert, Assistant Vice President—Utility North, CSX Transportation, Inc.
Darin Selby, Assistant Vice President—Coal Sales and Marketing, Kansas City Southern Railway Company
Alan Shaw, Senior Director of Coal Transportation, Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Class II and III Railroads

Edward McKechnie, Chief Commercial Officer, WATCO Companies
David Rohal, Vice President, RailAmerica, Inc.
Daniel Ray Sabin, President, Iowa Northern Railway Company

Coal Producers

John Eaves, President and COO, Arch Coal, Inc.
Betsy Monseu, Vice President, Transportation, Foundation Energy Sales, Inc.
Michael Rayphole, Vice President—Sales and Western Transportation, COALSALLES, LLC

Electric Utilities

William Berg, CEO, Dairyland Power Cooperative
W. Paul Bowers, President, Southern Company Generation
C. Joseph Hopf, President, PPL EnergyPlus, LLC
Richard Kelly, Chairman, President, and CEO, XCEL Energy Inc.
Dan Kuehn, Executive Manager, Wholesale Power Services, Lower Colorado River Authority

Biofuel Refiners, Producers, Distributors, or Feedstock Providers

Daryl Haack, Corn and soybean farmer, Primghar, Iowa
Mark Huston, Director, North American Transportation, Louis Dreyfus Commodities
James Redding, Vice President, Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc.
Darrell Wallace, Vice President Transportation Commodities Group, Bunge North America

Private Car Owners, Car Lessors or Car Manufacturers

Robert Hulick, Senior Vice President Business Development, TrinityRail
Jay Wileman, President and CEO, G.E. Equipment Services—Rail Services

Other

James Brunkenhoefer, National Legislative Director, United Transportation Union
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 649X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Niagara County, NY

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 1.57-mile line of railroad known as the Erie Industrial Track, on its Northern Region, Albany Division, Niagara Subdivision, extending from milepost QCJ 13.43 to milepost QCJ 15.0, in North Tonawanda, Niagara County, NY. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 14120. CSXT indicates that no stations will be impacted by the proposed abandonment.

CSXT has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years and overhead traffic, if there were any, could be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on October 26, 2007, unless stayed pending