

file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)<sup>2</sup> must be filed by May 24, 1996; petitions to stay must be filed by May 29, 1996; requests for a public use condition conforming to 49 CFR 1152.28(a)(2) must be filed by June 3, 1996; and petitions to reopen must be filed by June 10, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Send pleadings referring to Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 367X) to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423, and (2) Petitioner's representative: Sarah J. Whitley, 3800 Continental Plaza, 777 Main St., Fort Worth, TX 76102-5384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-7513. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

**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: DC News & Data, Inc., Room 2229, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: May 1, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,  
Secretary.

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### Surface Transportation Board<sup>1</sup>

[Docket No. AB-289 (Sub-No. 3X), AB-290 (Sub-No. 168X)]

**Central Railroad Company of Indianapolis—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—Between Kokomo and Argos in Howard, Miami, Fulton, and Marshall Counties, IN; Norfolk and Western Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—Between Kokomo and Rochester in Howard, Miami, and Fulton Counties, IN**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

<sup>2</sup> See *Exempt. of Rail Line Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

<sup>1</sup> The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (the Act), which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) and transferred certain functions and proceedings to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). Section 204(b)(1) of the Act provides, in general, that proceedings pending before the ICC on the effective date of that legislation shall be decided under the law in effect prior to January 1, 1996, insofar as they involve functions retained by the Act. This notice relates to

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption and interim trail use DOT.

**SUMMARY:** The Board exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903-04: (a) Norfolk and Western Railway Company's (N&W) abandonment of its line between milepost I-57.2 at or near Kokomo, IN, and milepost I-74.2, at Peru, IN; (b) N&W's discontinuance of service over the segment of the line between milepost I-74.2, at Peru, and milepost I-95.6, at or near Rochester, IN, and abandonment of this line segment, provided that the abandonment of this segment may not be consummated until Indiana Hi-Rail Corporation's discontinuance of its trackage rights over this segment has been authorized; and (c) Central Railroad Company of Indianapolis's discontinuance of service over 51.4 miles of rail line between milepost I-57.2, at or near Kokomo, and milepost I-108.6 at or near Argos, IN, in Howard, Miami, Fulton, and Marshall Counties, IN, subject to standard employee protective, environmental, trail use, and public use conditions.

**DATES:** Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on June 13, 1996. Formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)<sup>2</sup> and requests for interim trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by May 24, 1996. Petitions to stay must be filed by May 29, 1996. Requests for a public use condition must be filed by June 3, 1996. Petitions for reopening must be filed by June 10, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Send pleadings, referring to Docket Nos. AB-289 (Sub-No. 3X) and AB-290 (Sub-No. 168X), to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Petitioners' representatives: Thomas F. McFarland, Jr., Belnap, Spencer, McFarland and Herman, 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 3118, Chicago, IL 60606-3101; and Robert J. Cooney, Senior General Attorney, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510-2191.

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proceedings that were pending with the ICC prior to January 1, 1996, and to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction under 49 U.S.C. 10903. Therefore, citations are to former sections of the statute.

<sup>2</sup> See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

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Decided: April 26, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Fiscal Service

[Dept. Circ. 570, 1995 Rev., Supp. No. 13]

### Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: The Connecticut Surety Company

A Certificate of Authority as an acceptable surety on Federal Bonds is hereby issued to the following company under Sections 9304 to 9308, Title 31, of the United States Code. Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570, 1995 Revision, on page 34439 to reflect this addition:

*The Connecticut Surety Company.*  
BUSINESS ADDRESS: City Place II, 185 Asylum Street, Hartford, CT 06103-3403. PHONE: (860) 527-7806. UNDERWRITING LIMITATION b/: \$942,000. SURETY LICENSES c/: AR, CA, CT, DE, DC, LA, NE, NY, ND, OH, PA, SC, TX. INCORPORATED IN: Connecticut.

Certificates of Authority expire on June 30 each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (31 CFR Part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1 in Treasury Department Circular 570, with details as to underwriting limitations, areas in which licensed to transact surety business and other information.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet (<http://www.ustreas.gov/treasury/bureaus/finman/c570.html>) or through our computerized public bulletin board system (FMS Inside Line) at (202) 874-6817/6872/6953/7034/8608. A hard copy may be purchased from the

Government Printing Office (GPO), Washington, DC, telephone (202) 512-0132. When ordering the Circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 048-000-00489-0.

Questions concerning this Notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Funds Management Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6F04, Hyattsville, MD 20782, telephone (202) 874-6765.

Dated: April 30, 1996.

Charles F. Schwan III,

*Director, Funds Management Division,  
Financial Management Service.*

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[Dept. Circ. 570, 1995 Rev., Supp. No. 14]

### **Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds; Evergreen National Indemnity Company**

A Certificate of Authority as an acceptable surety on Federal Bonds is hereby issued to the following company under Sections 9304 to 9308, Title 31, of the United States Code. Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570, 1995 Revision, on page 34440 to reflect this addition:

*Evergreen National Indemnity Company.* BUSINESS ADDRESS: P.O. Box 18295, Columbus, OH 43218. PHONE: (614) 893-1773.

UNDERWRITING LIMITATION b/: \$1,077,000. SURETY LICENSES c/: AL, AK, CO, DE, DC, GA, ID, IA, KY, MI, MN, MT, NJ, NM, ND, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, UT, WA, WI. INCORPORATED IN: Ohio.

Certificates of Authority expire on June 30 each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (31 CFR, Part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1 in Treasury Department Circular 570, with details as to underwriting limitations, areas in which licensed to transact surety business and other information.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet (<http://www.ustreas.gov/treasury/bureaus/finman/c570.html>) or through our computerized public bulletin board system (FMS Inside Line) at (202) 874-6817/6872/6953/7034/8608. A hard copy may be purchased from the Government Printing Office (GPO), Washington, DC, telephone (202) 512-0132. When ordering the Circular from

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Dated: May 1, 1996.

Charles F. Schwan III,

*Director, Funds Management Division,  
Financial Management Service.*

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### **Internal Revenue Service**

#### **Announcement of Open Membership Application Period for the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**SUMMARY:** In 1991 the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) established the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC). The primary purpose of IRPAC is to provide an organized public forum for discussion of relevant information reporting issues between the officials of the IRS and representatives of the payer community. IRPAC offers constructive observations about current or proposed policies, programs, and procedures, and when necessary, suggests ways to improve the operation of the Information Reporting Program. IRPAC is currently comprised of 20 representatives from various segments of the private sector payer community. Ten of these appointments to IRPAC will expire at the end of 1996. Additional members will be selected for two-year terms beginning in January 1997. National business, technical, and professional associations are encouraged to submit *multiple* nominees.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** IRPAC reports to the National Director, Service Center Compliance, who is the executive responsible for information reporting and is charged with its system-wide planning and improvement. IRPAC is instrumental in providing advice to enhance the IRP Program. Increasing participation by external stakeholders in the planning and improvement of the tax system will help achieve the goals of increasing voluntary compliance and reduction of burden. IRPAC members are not paid for their time or services, but consistent with Federal regulations, they will be reimbursed for their travel and lodging

expenses to attend two two-day public meetings each year. IRPAC members are expected to attend and pay their own way to four subcommittee meetings each year; these meetings are generally held in Washington, DC or New York, NY.

The IRS is interested in representation from different areas of the payer community (e.g., software developers, small business, real estate, forms developers, corporate compliance, property and casualty insurance, employee plans, etc.). Anyone wishing to be considered for membership on IRPAC should so advise the IRS. Please complete the following application questionnaire (or a facsimile thereof prepared on a word processor), and forward it to Ms. Kate LaBuda of the Office of Payer Compliance, at the address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Internal Revenue Service, CP:CO:SC:P, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 2013, Washington, DC 20224.

**DATE:** Completed questionnaires (or facsimiles) should be received by IRS no later than Friday, June 14, 1996. Questionnaires received after this date will not be considered. An acknowledgment letter will be sent upon receipt.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To have a copy of the application questionnaire mailed or faxed to you, please call Ms. Tommie Matthews at 202-622-4214 (not a toll-free number). For general information about the application process or IRPAC, call Kate LaBuda at 202-622-3404 (not a toll-free number).

Dated: May 6, 1996.

Approved:

Robert Longford,

*Acting Director, Officer of Payer Compliance.*

Attachment

Information Reporting Program  
Advisory Committee

*Membership Application Questionnaire*

The following questions must be answered by anyone interested in becoming a member of the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC). Applications (or facsimiles produced on a word processor) must be received at the address listed below by June 14, 1996. Those received after this date will not be considered. All applications received will be acknowledged. Questions may be directed to Kate LaBuda at 202-622-3404.

Ms. Kate LaBuda, CP:CO:SC:P, Internal Revenue Service, Room 2013, 1111