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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.
Dated: August 4, 1997.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 27590 (Sub-No.2)]

TTX Company, et al.—Application for Approval of the Pooling of Car Service With Respect to Flat Cars

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Decision.

SUMMARY: In this proceeding, the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) provided for the monitoring of TTX Company (TTX) during the 10-year term of its pooling extension. The Board reopened this proceeding to take comments from interested parties on whether any of TTX's activities require any action or particular oversight on the Board's part at this time. No comments were filed, and the Board is taking no further action at this time.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This decision will be effective on its date of service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melvin F. Clemens, Jr., (202) 565-1573. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a 1994 decision approving a 10-year extension of TTX's pooling authority,¹ the ICC required its Office of Compliance and Enforcement (OCE) to monitor TTX's operations and to report on any problems at the end of the third and seventh years. Pursuant to the ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (1995) (ICCTA), effective January 1, 1996, the ICC was abolished; a number of its functions were eliminated; and its remaining rail and certain non-rail functions were transferred to the Surface Transportation Board (Board), newly established under the ICCTA.

Because the authority over TTX's pooling arrangement was transferred to the Board under the ICCTA, the Board

is now responsible for monitoring TTX's activities. To carry out that responsibility, on March 7, 1997, the Board requested comments on whether any of TTX's activities require any action or particular oversight on the Board's part at this time. No comments were filed by any party wishing to express a concern about TTX's activities. Therefore, the Board does not believe that any further monitoring action is necessary or appropriate at this time.

Environment

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

It is ordered:

1. No further action by the Board to monitor TTX's activities is required at this time.

2. This decision is being served on all parties appearing on the service list in Finance Docket No. 27590 (Sub-No.2).

3. This decision is effective on the service date.

Decided: July 29, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Senior Executive Service; Combined Performance Review Board (PRB)

AGENCY: Treasury Department.

ACTION: Notice of members of combined Performance Review Board (PBR).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), this notice announces the appointment of members of the Combined PRB for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the Financial Management Service, the U.S. Mint and the Bureau of the Public Debt. The Board reviews the performance appraisals of career senior executives below the level of bureau head and principal deputy in the four bureaus, except for executives below the Assistant Commissioner level in the Financial Management Service. The Board makes recommendations regarding proposed performance appraisals, ratings, bonuses and other appropriate personnel actions.

COMPOSITION OF COMBINED PRB: The Board shall consist of at least three voting members. In case of an appraisal of a career appointee, more than half of

the members shall consist of career appointees. The names and titles of the Combined PRB members are as follows:

PRIMARY MEMBERS: Gregory D. Carper, Associate Director (Chief Financial Officer), E&P Constance E. Craig, Assistant Commissioner, Information Resources, FMS Andrew Cosgarea, Jr., Associate Director for Operations, Mint Kenneth R. Papaj, Director, Government Securities Regulations Staff, PD.

ALTERNATE MEMBERS: Carla F. Kidwell, Associate Director (Chief Operating Officer), E&P, Larry D. Stout, Assistant Commissioner, Federal Finance, FMS, Jay M. Weinstein, Associate Director for Policy and Management & CFO, Mint, Thomas W. Harrison, Assistant Commissioner (Administration), PD.

DATES: Membership is effective August 7, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gregory D. Carper, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Associate Director (Chief Financial Officer), Room 113, 14th & C Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20228, (202) 874-2020.

This notice does not meet the Department's criteria for significant regulations.

Dated: July 28, 1997.

Gregory D. Carper,

Associate Director (Chief Financial Officer), Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0544]

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Reinstatement

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on requirements relating to

¹ This pooling authority was approved in Finance Docket No. 27590 (Sub-No.2), *TTX Company, et al.—Application For Approval of the Pooling of Car Service With Respect to Flat Cars*, served August 31, 1994.

obtaining written consent of patients to release information pertaining to treatment for drug or alcohol abuse, sickle cell anemia, and infection with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before October 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (161A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0544" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Bickoff at (202) 273-8310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) way to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title and Form Numbers: Written Consent to Release Medical Records Protected by Section 7332, Title 38, United States Code (Section 1.475(a), Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0544.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: Section 7332, Title 38, United States Code requires the VA to obtain prior written consent from a patient before information concerning treatment for alcoholism or alcohol abuse, drug abuse, sickle cell anemia, or infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) can be disclosed from a patient medical record. This special consent must indicate the name of the facility permitted to make the disclosure, the name of the

individual or organization to whom the information is being released, specify the particular records or information to be released, be under the signature of the veteran and dated, it must reflect the purpose for which the information is to be used, and include a statement that the consent is subject to revocation and the date, event or condition upon which the consent will expire if not revoked before. Section 1.475(a), Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations describes the required elements that must be included in a written consent. The Privacy Act of 1974 and VA confidentiality statute, Section 5701, Title 38, United States Code also requires a written patient consent.

The written consent is obtained from the patient. Without the written consent, the VA would not be permitted to disclose this type of patient medical record information to third parties as requested by the patients. The information is used by third parties for such purposes as medical follow-up and treatment and determinations on employment applications and insurance claims. If the information collection were not conducted, the VA would not be able to be responsive to the needs of patients for the disclosure of information pertaining to their medical care.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,720 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,640.

Dated: July 18, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0222]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: National Cemetery System, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Cemetery System (NCS), Department of Veterans Affairs is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the

agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on requirements relating to the application for standard Government headstones or markers for unmarked graves of eligible veterans.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before October 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Sonja McCombs, National Cemetery System (402D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0222" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sonja McCombs at (202) 273-5183.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, NCS invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of NCS's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NCS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title and Form Number: Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker for Installation in a Private or State Veterans' Cemetery, VA Form 40-1330.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0222.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The form is used by the public to apply for the benefit of Government-provided headstones or markers for unmarked graves of eligible veterans in accordance with Title 38, U.S.C., Section 906. It is the source of