

developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations * * * and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world." The funding authority for the program above is provided through legislation. The funding authority for the program is provided through Support for East European Democracy (SEED) legislation.

Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFGP are binding and may not be modified by any Bureau representative. Explanatory information provided by the Bureau that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFGP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Bureau reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements.

Notification

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal Bureau procedures.

Dated: August 22, 2001.

Helena Kane Finn,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Barron and Polk Counties, WI

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare and Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for transportation improvements in the United States Highway (USH) 8 corridor between the junction of State Trunk Highway (STH) 35 north and USH 53, in Polk and Barron Counties, Wisconsin.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter M. Garcia, Field Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 567 D'Onofrio Drive, Madison, Wisconsin, 53719-2814;

telephone: (608) 829-7513. You may also contact Ms. Carol Cutshall, Director, Bureau of Environmental, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 7965, Madison, Wisconsin, 53707-7965; telephone: (608) 266-9626.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Background

The FHWA, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to study the long term safety, operational and capacity improvements on an approximately 40 mile (65 kilometer) section of USH 8 between the junction of STH 35 north and USH 53, in Polk and Barron Counties, Wisconsin. The EIS will evaluate the social, economic and environmental impacts of alternatives, including: (1) No Build—this alternative assumes the continue use of existing facilities with the maintenance necessary to ensure their use, (2) Improvements Within the Existing Highway Corridor—this alternative would evaluate improve traffic handling capabilities and safety by either geometric improvements and passing lanes or a four-lane facility on the existing corridor, and (3) Improvements on New Location—this alternative would provide corridor alignments that bypass the communities of Range, Turtle Lake, Poskin, Almema and Barron as well as interchanges for bypasses of Turtle Lake and Barron. All alternatives will examine improvements to pedestrian, bicycle, and snowmobile facilities.

Information describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies and to private agencies, organizations, and citizens who have expressed, or are known to have an interest in this proposal. A project advisory committee comprised of Federal and State agencies, local officials, environmental, and other community interests will be established to provide input during development and refinement of alternatives and

impact evaluation activities. Public meeting and other forms will be held to solicit comments from citizens and interest groups. In addition, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meeting and hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. Agencies having an interest in or jurisdiction regarding the proposed action will be contacted through interagency coordination meetings and mailing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed, and all substantive issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to FHWA or the Wisconsin Department of Transportation at the address provided in the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

(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).

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48

Issued on: August 21, 2001.

Peter M. Garcia,

Field Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, Madison, Wisconsin.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34083]

CSX Transportation, Inc.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Canadian National Railway Company, Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated, and St. Clair Tunnel Company

Canadian National Railway Company (CN) and its subsidiaries, Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated (GTW) and St. Clair Tunnel Company (St. Clair), have agreed to grant trackage rights to CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) as follows: (1) over GTW's Tappen Interlocking, at Port Huron, MI, between milepost 332.3 and milepost 334.20; (2) over St. Clair's tracks between milepost 61.14 and milepost 59.98, via the Sarnia Tunnel; and (3) over CN's tracks between milepost 61.69 and milepost 61.14, in Port Huron, between milepost 59.98 and milepost 58.90, at Sarnia, Ontario, and thence northwesterly over CN's Port Edward

Spur, Sarnia, between milepost 59.20=0.0 and milepost 1.41 to a connection with CSXT's track at Sarnia, a total distance of approximately 6.3 miles.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on August 27, 2001. The trackage rights will allow CSXT to achieve greater operating efficiencies by allowing it to reach its lines in Sarnia.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.-Trackage Rights-BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.-Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions 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. 34083 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, one copy of each pleading must be served on Natalie S. Rosenberg, Esq., CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

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Decided: August 23, 2001.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34085]

Keokuk Junction Railway Co.— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—West End of Toledo, Peoria and Western Railway Corporation

Keokuk Junction Railway Co. (KJRY), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate approximately 98 miles of rail line owned by the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railway Corporation (TP&W). The line to be acquired and operated extends between

milepost 108.0 near East Peoria, IL, and milepost 206.0L, near Lomax, IL, including trackage rights over (1) Union Pacific Railroad Company between Hollis milepost 119.28 and Iowa Junction milepost 113.9, and (2) the Peoria and Pekin Union Railway Company between Iowa Junction milepost 113.9 and milepost 109.49. KJRY states that it has exercised an option it held with TP&W to buy the assets referenced in this proceeding. KJRY further states that it has also tendered to TP&W a check to satisfy its payment for these assets. Although KJRY has not yet reached a written agreement with TP&W for this transaction, KJRY anticipates that one will ultimately be entered into between it and TP&W. KJRY certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class I or Class II rail carrier.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after August 22, 2001, the effective date of the exemption.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time.¹ The filing of a petition to revoke does not automatically stay the transaction.²

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34085, 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, one copy of each pleading must be served on William A. Mullins, Esq., Troutman Sanders LLP, 401 Ninth Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004.

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Decided: August 24, 2001.

¹ On August 20, 2001, SF&L Railway, Inc. filed a petition to reject the notice of exemption and TP&W filed a petition to reject and revoke the notice. These petitions will be addressed and resolved in a subsequent decision to be issued by the Board.

² TP&W also filed a petition on August 20, 2001, to stay the effectiveness of this exemption pending consideration of its petition to reject or revoke. The petition for stay was denied by the Board in *Keokuk Junction Railway Co.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Toledo, Peoria and Western Railway Corporation*, STB Finance Docket No. 34085 (STB served Aug. 23, 2001). That decision indicated that TP&W's petition to stay was filed on August 21, 2001, although it was actually filed on August 20, 2001.

By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing efforts 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 Market Room within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning Revisions to Foreign Currency Forms FC-1 (OMB No. 1505-0012) Weekly Consolidated Foreign Currency Report of Major Market Participants, FC-2 (OMB No. 1505-0010) Monthly Consolidated Foreign Currency Report of Major Market Participants, and FC-3 (OMB No. 1505-0014) Quarterly Consolidated Foreign Currency Report. The reports are mandatory.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 29, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Director, Market Room, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 2405, Washington, DC 20220, Telephone (202) 622-2650.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the forms(s) and instructions should be directed to Director, Market Room, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Room 2405, Washington, DC 20220, Telephone (202) 622-2650, Fax 622-2021.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Weekly Consolidated Foreign Currency Report of Major Market Participants, Foreign Currency Form FC-1.

OMB Number: 1505-0012.

Title: Monthly Consolidated Foreign Currency Report of Major Market Participants, Foreign Currency Form FC-2.

OMB Number: 1505-0010.