

Public Law 106-170 establishes the Panel to advise the President, the Congress and the Commissioner of SSA on issues related to work incentives programs, planning and assistance for individuals with disabilities as provided under section 101(f)(2)(A) of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (TWWIIA). The Panel is also to advise the Commissioner on matters specified in section 101(f)(2)(B) of that Act, including certain issues related to the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program established under section 101(a) of that Act.

Agenda: The Panel will deliberate on the implementation of TWWIIA and conduct Panel business. The Panel will be discussing its Annual Report to Congress and follow up items from their February Quarterly meeting, including a discussion of SSA's plan for improving its employment support infrastructure.

The agenda for the meetings will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.ssa.gov/work/panel/> one week prior to the teleconference or can be received in advance electronically or by fax upon request.

Contact Information: Records are being kept of all Panel proceedings and will be available for public inspection by appointment at the Panel office. Anyone requiring information regarding the Panel should contact the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel staff by:

- Mail addressed to Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Staff, Social Security Administration, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20024;
- Telephone contact with Kristen Breland at (202) 358-6430;
- Fax at (202) 358-6440; or
- E-mail to TWWIIAPanel@ssa.gov

Dated: March 3, 2003.

Carol Brenner,

Designated Federal Officer.

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

Proposed Information Collection Activities; Request for Comment

AGENCY: Office of Special Counsel.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) and implementing regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320, plans to request approval from the

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use of two previously approved information collections: (1) Form OSC-11, Complaint of Possible Prohibited Personnel Practice or Other Prohibited Activity; and (2) Form OSC-12, Disclosure of Information. Both forms to be submitted include minor technical edits previously approved by OMB; form OSC-11 (complaint form) also includes revisions to three consent statements in the form. These collections of information are described in OSC regulations at 5 CFR 1800.1 and 1800.2. The current OMB approval for these collections of information expires on August 31, 2003.

Current and former Federal employees, employee representatives, other Federal agencies, and the general public are invited to comment on these information collections. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of OSC's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of OSC's estimate of the burden of the proposed collections of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before May 9, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Kathryn Stackhouse, Legal Counsel and Policy Division, U.S. Office of Special Counsel, 1730 M Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036-4505.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathryn Stackhouse, Legal Counsel and Policy Division, at the address shown above; by telephone at (202) 653-8971; or by facsimile at (202) 653-5151. The collections of information to be submitted to OMB will be available for review on OSC's Web site (at <http://www.osc.gov>) as of the date of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comment is requested on the following two collections of information:

1. Title of Collection: Complaint of Possible Prohibited Personnel or Other Prohibited Activity (Agency Form Number: OSC-11; OMB Control Number 3255-0002)

Type of Information Collection: Approval of a previously approved collection of information that expires on August 31, 2003. The proposed information collection format includes changes as follows: (1) minor technical edits previously approved by OMB

since the last formal clearance under the PRA; and (2) minor revisions to three consent statements in part 3 of form OSC-11 (complaint form), to make the scope and/or meaning of the statements clearer.

Affected public: Current and former Federal employees, applicants for Federal employment, and their representatives.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Estimated Annual Number of

Respondents: 1771.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 1.25 hours.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2214 hours.

Abstract: The complaint form is required for use by current and former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment, under 5 CFR 1800.1, to submit allegations of possible prohibited personnel practices or other prohibited activity for investigation and possible prosecution by OSC, except for allegations involving the Hatch Act, which may be submitted by providing the information described at 5 CFR 1800.1. Currently the complaint form is available by contacting OSC at 800-872-9855, or from OSC's Web site at <http://www.osc.gov>. The form may be printed from the web site, filled out, signed, and then mailed or faxed to OSC's Complaints Examining Unit. By October 21, 2003, OSC plans to provide the capability to electronically file a complaint form, pursuant to the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA), Pub. L. 105-277.

2. Title of Collection: Disclosure of Information (Agency Form Number: OSC-12; OMB Control Number 3255-0002).

Type of Information Collection: Approval of a previously approved collection of information that expires on August 31, 2003. The proposed information collection format includes minor modifications to the existing forms made since the last formal clearance under the PRA.

Affected public: Current and former Federal employees, applicants for Federal employment, and their representatives.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Estimated Annual Number of

Respondents: 475.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 1 hour.

Estimated Annual Burden: 475 hours.

Abstract: This optional whistleblower disclosure form, and the format provided in 5 CFR 1800.2, are for use by current and former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment

to disclose (for OSC review and possible referral to the agency involved) a violation of any law, rule, or regulation, gross mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety. Currently, this form is available by contacting OSC at 800-572-2249, or from OSC's Web site at <http://www.osc.gov>. The form may be printed from the web site, filled out, signed, and then mailed or faxed to OSC's Disclosure Unit. By October 21, 2003, OSC plans to provide the capability to electronically file a disclosure form, pursuant to the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA), Pub. L. 105-277.

Dated: March 4, 2003.

Timothy Hannapel,

Deputy Special Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4294]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Transmitting the Forms of Divinity: Early Buddhist Art From Korea and Japan"

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Transmitting the Forms of Divinity: Early Buddhist Art from Korea and Japan," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Japan Society Gallery from on or about April 7, 2003 until June 22, 2003, and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of

the exhibit objects, contact the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State, (telephone: 202/619-6982). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: February 28, 2003.

Patricia S. Harrison,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Nevada County, CA

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Nevada County, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maiser Khaled, Chief, District Operations—North, Federal Highway Administration, California Division, 980 North Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, California 95814, Telephone: (916) 498-5020, or Jeffrey M. Loudon, Chief Environmental Management, M-1 Branch, California Department of Transportation, District 3, PO Box 911, Marysville, CA 95901-0911, (530) 741-4598.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed upgrade of State Route (SR) 49 in Nevada County, California. The proposed project would construct a four-lane conventional highway with a continuous median/left-turn lane, from Wolf/Combie Road (KP 3.5) to the end of the freeway south of McKnight Way near Grass Valley (KP 21.40). It is also proposed to review the continuation of the freeway section south to Crestview Drive (KP 20.8), a distance of approximately 0.6 km, because of the possible future construction of an interchange.

Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary to improve safety, provide for existing and projected traffic demand, and potentially reduce operational problems and accident rates. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action, (2)

constructing a four-lane facility that follows the existing alignment utilizing a 4.2 m median, (3) a range of alternatives including bicycle, mass transit, and Transportation Systems Management alternatives (e.g., congestion pricing and demand management).

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. In addition, a public workshop will be held, with public notice being given of the time and location. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the workshop. No formal scoping meeting is planned at this time.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant 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 the FHWA at the address provided above.

(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.)

Issued on: March 4, 2003.

Maiser Khaled,

Chief, District Operations—North Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34318]

Union Pacific Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Midwest Generation, LLC

Midwest Generation, LLC (Midwest), pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement entered into between Midwest and Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), has agreed to grant local trackage rights to UP over Midwest's entire line of railroad, approximately 4,007 feet long in Will County, IL, extending from Midwest's power plant in Joliet, IL, to a connection with nearby track owned by UP.¹

¹ Construction of the track at issue (Midwest's entire line) was authorized by the Board in *Midwest*
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