

2006. (2) OMB No. 2130-0556, U.S. Locational Requirement For Dispatching U.S. Rail Operations (49 CFR part 241) (Final Rule). The expiration date for this information collection is January 31, 2006. The following information collections were re-approved: (1) OMB No. 2130-0505, Inspection and Maintenance Standards For Steam Locomotives (49 CFR parts 209 and 230). The expiration date for this information collection is January 31, 2006. (2) OMB No. 2130-0548, Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program (49 CFR part 260). The expiration date for this information collection is January 31, 2006.

Additionally, the following information collections were previously approved: (1) OMB No. 2130-0552, Locomotive Cab Sanitation Standards (49 CFR part 229) (Final Rule). The expiration date for this information collection is June 30, 2005. (2) OMB No. 2130-0557, Safety Integration Plans (49 CFR part 244) (Final Rule). The expiration date for this information collection is March 31, 2005. Furthermore, the following information collections were previously re-approved: (1) OMB No. 2130-0517, Supplemental Qualifications Statement For Railroad Safety Inspector Applicants (Form FRA-F-120). The expiration date for this information collection is August 31, 2005. (2) OMB No. 2130-0533, Qualifications For Locomotive Engineers (49 CFR part 240). The expiration date for this information collection is June 30, 2005. (3) OMB No. 2130-0544, Passenger Equipment Safety Standards (49 CFR part 238). The expiration date for this information collection is June 30, 2005.

Persons affected by the above referenced information collections are not required to respond to any collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. These approvals by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) certify that FRA has complied with the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and with 5 CFR 1320.5(b) by informing the public about OMB's approval of the information collection requirements of the above cited forms and regulations.

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

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 9, 2003.

Kathy A. Weiner,

Director, Office of Information Technology and Support Systems, Federal Railroad Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From the Requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 236

Pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 235 and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), the following railroad has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of the signal system or relief from the requirements of 49 CFR part 236 as detailed below.

[Docket No. FRA-2003-14648]

Applicant: CSX Transportation, Mr. Eric G. Peterson, Assistant Chief Engineer, Signal Design and Construction, 4901 Belfort Road, Suite 130 (S/C J-370), Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

CSX Transportation seeks approval of the proposed modification of the traffic control system (TCS) on the single track Wildwood Lead, milepost 0J2-145.31, near Wauhatchie Alabama, on the Nashville Division, Chattanooga, Subdivision. The proposed change consists of the relocation of the Northbound Absolute Signal from milepost 0J2-145.31 to milepost 0J2-144.75, effectively decreasing the limits of the TCS by approximately .56 mile.

The reason given for the proposed changes is to decrease the limits of the TCS on the Wildwood Lead to accommodate switching moves in Wauhatchie Yard.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and include a concise statement of the interest of the party in the proceeding. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.

All communications concerning this proceeding should be identified by the docket number and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by the FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for

inspection and copying on the internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FRA expects to be able to determine these matters without an oral hearing. However, if a specific request for an oral hearing is accompanied by a showing that the party is unable to adequately present his or her position by written statements, an application may be set for public hearing.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 7, 2003.

Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 631X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Summit County, OH

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a line of railroad, known as the Lumber Lead, extending from former Conrail milepost 11.49 to a point at or near former Conrail milepost 11.56, a distance of approximately 0.07 of a mile, in Summit County, OH. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 44305.

CSXT has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line; (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 May 15, 2003, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by April 25, 2003. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by May 5, 2003, with: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to CSXT's representative: Natalie S. Rosenberg, 500 Water Street, J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

CSXT has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by April 18, 2003. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1552. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), CSXT shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by CSXT's filing of a notice of consummation by April 15, 2004, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers

to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "<http://www.stb.dot.gov>."

Decided: April 4, 2003.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

President's Commission on the United States Postal Service

AGENCY: Department of the Treasury, Departmental Offices.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is given of a meeting of the President's Commission on the United States Postal Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 2:30 pm CST.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Grand Ballroom (2nd Floor) of the Chicago Hilton, 720 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60605.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roger Kodat, Designated Federal Official, 202-622-7073.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the public meeting, the Commission will examine issues relating to the Postal Service's workforce, including the collective bargaining process and binding arbitration. Witnesses will testify at the invitation of the Commission. At the meeting, the Workforce Subcommittee will report to the Commission. Seating is limited.

Dated: April 11, 2003.

Roger Kodat,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Revenue Procedure 97-27

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort 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 IRS is soliciting comments concerning Revenue Procedure 97-27, Changes in Methods of Accounting.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 16, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of revenue procedure should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, or through the Internet (CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov), Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Changes in Methods of Accounting.

OMB Number: 1545-1541.

Revenue Procedure Number: Revenue Procedure 97-27.

Abstract: The information requested in Revenue Procedure 97-27 is required in order for the Commissioner to determine whether the taxpayer properly is requesting to change its method of accounting and the terms and conditions of that change.

Current Actions: Section 13.02(2) concerned taxpayers that filed 3115s under Revenue Procedure 97-27 on or before December 31, 1997. Section 13.02(3) concerned taxpayers that were within an open window period for filing 3115s under Revenue Procedure 92-20 on May 15, 1997. Since taxpayers will no longer be eligible for either provision, those two sections are no longer relevant.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals, not-for-profit institutions, and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 3 hours, 1 minute.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 9,083.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,100. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).