

Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation and Cedar American Rail Holding, Inc.—Control—Iowa, Chicago & Eastern Railroad Corporation.

STB Finance Docket No. 33697, *National Railroad Passenger Corporation—Petition for Declaratory Order—Weight of Rail*. STB Finance Docket No. 33995, *SF&L Railway, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Toledo, Peoria and Western Railway Corporation Between La Harpe and Peoria, IL.*

STB Finance Docket No. 33996, *Kern W. Schumacher and Morris H. Kulmer—Continuance in Control—SF&L Railway, Inc.*

STB Docket No. AB-448 (Sub-No. 2X), *SF&L Railway, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Hancock, McDonough, Fulton and Peoria Counties, IL.*

STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 11X), *New York Central Lines, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Lake County, OH.*

STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 617X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Lake County, OH.*

STB Finance Docket No. 34114, *Yolo Shortline Railroad Company—Lease and Operation Exemption—Port of Sacramento.*

STB Finance Docket No. 34304, *The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Portland & Western Railroad, Inc.*

STB Ex Parte No. 282 (Sub-No. 20), *Railroad Consolidation Procedures—Exemption for Temporary Trackage Rights.*

Contact Person for More Information: A. Dennis Watson, Office of Congressional and Public Services, Telephone: (202)565-1596, FIRS:1-800-877-8339.

Dated: January 22, 2003.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34308]

Central Midland Railway Company— Lease and Operation Exemption— Union Pacific Railroad Company

Central Midland Railway Company (CMRC), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease and operate approximately 8.65 miles of rail line

and related industrial tracks currently owned and operated by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP). The rail line, known as the Lackland Sub-Division, extends from milepost 10.35 at Rock Island Junction, MO, to milepost 19, located west of Vigus, MO. CMRC certifies that the projected annual revenues from the leased line will not result in the creation of a Class I or Class II rail carrier. The effective date of the exemption was January 15, 2003 (7 days after the notice was filed) and the parties expected to consummate the transaction on January 19, 2003.

If this 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. 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. 34308, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on John Broadley, John H. Broadley & Associates, 1054 31st Street NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20007.

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

Decided: January 17, 2003.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Security Administration

Port Security Grant Program; Application Notice Describing the Categories of Interest and Establishing the Closing Date for Receipt of Applications Under the Port Security Grant Program—Round 2

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice inviting applications for the Port Security Grant Program.

SUMMARY: The purpose of the Port Security Grant Program is to support efforts for port security at critical national seaports in the areas of security assessments and mitigation strategies, enhanced facility and operational security.

The Port Security Grant Program will fund projects in two categories: (1) security assessments and mitigation strategies, and (2) enhanced facility and operational security to include proof-of-concept projects. Transportation Security Administration is coordinating with the Maritime Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard in this effort. Applicants may be submitted by critical national seaports/terminals/vessels (commuter or ferry service) as specified in the Broad Agency Announcement. Authority for this program is contained in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY 2002, Pub. L. 107-117, 115 Stat. 2230 and FY 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery From and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, Pub. L. 107-206, 116 Stat. 820.

DATES: The program announcements and applications for the Port Security Grant Program—Round 2 are expected to be available on or about January 14, 2003. Applicants must be received on or before 2 p.m. EST, February 27, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The Broad Agency Announcement, application and instructions for preparing and submitting an application for the Port Security Grant Program will be available through the Internet at <https://www.portsecuritygrants.dottsa.net>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Mary Heying, Transportation Security Administration, Office of Maritime and Land Security, 400-7th Street, SW., TSA-8, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 772-1118, email:

Mary.Heying@tsa.dot.gov or, Ms. Tracey Ford, Grants Officer, Maritime Administration, Office of Acquisition, 400-7th Street, SW., Room 7310, Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366-1744, email: Tracey.Ford@marad.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Total anticipated funding available for Port Security Grant Program—Round 2 is \$104,093,293. This amount does not include funding for Port Incident Training and Exercises, which will be addressed separate from this program and is not covered by this Announcement. Awards under this program are subject to availability of funds.

Port Security Grant Program—Round 2 Categories

Category 1: Security Assessments and Mitigation Strategies—Award based on proposed security assessments that ascertain vulnerabilities of physical or operational security of a port, multiple terminals, terminal, or vessel (commuter or ferry service) and identify mitigation strategies.

Category 2: Enhanced Facility and Operational Security—Including but not limited to facility/terminal/vessel (commuter or ferry service) access control, physical security, cargo security and passenger security. Consideration will also be given to proof-of-concept projects, which can demonstrate how security would be improved/enhanced, by their implementation.

Dated: January 21, 2003.

J.M. Loy, ADM,

Under Secretary of Transportation for Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

President's Commission on the United States Postal Service; Issues for Consideration

AGENCY: Department of the Treasury, Departmental Offices.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The President has clearly outlined the mission of this Commission in Executive Order No. 13278.

According to the Executive Order, the Commission must consider the following issues: (1) The role of the Postal Service in the 21st century and beyond; (2) the flexibility that the Postal Service should have to change prices, control costs, and adjust service in response to financial, competitive, or market pressures; (3) the rigidities in cost or service that limit the efficiency of the postal system; (4) the ability of the Postal Service, over the long term, to maintain universal mail delivery at affordable rates and cover its unfunded liabilities with minimum exposure to the American taxpayers; (5) the extent to which postal monopoly restrictions continue to advance the public interest under evolving market conditions and the extent to which the Postal Service competes with private sector services; and (6) the most appropriate governance and oversight structure for the Postal Service.

The Executive Order also charges the Commission with considering "such other issues relating to the Postal Service" that the Commission determines are appropriate subjects for review.

During this process of examination, the Commission is committed to ensuring that every affected and interested party has an opportunity to share its views and concerns with us. Any party that wishes to submit a written statement on any issue or issues

that fall within the established scope of the Commission's mission is strongly encouraged to do so. The Commission has established three methods by which statements can be submitted for consideration and review:

1. Transmission by Email to the following address: pcusps_comments@do.treas.gov. Statements can be embedded in the Email as ASCII text or sent as a MS Word or ASCII text attachment. Do not include artwork or other graphic elements.

2. Stored on 3½ inch high density computer disk as a MS word or ASCII text document (Windows format only) and mailed or hand-delivered to: President's Commission on the United States Postal Service, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., Suite 971, Washington, DC 20005.

3. Typewritten statements may be mailed or hand-delivered to: President's Commission on the United States Postal Service, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., Suite 971, Washington, DC 20005.

DATES: Email transmissions must be received by the Commission no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12. Mailed submissions must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randall Lewis of the Commission staff at (202) 622-6075.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission encourages parties to limit their statements to a maximum length of 25 pages of double-spaced written text. Any statement exceeding 15 pages in length should be accompanied by a one-page "executive summary." Please be aware that the Commission may, at its discretion, post any statements it receives on the Commission's website at <http://www.treas.gov/offices/domestic-finance/usps>.

Dated: January 21, 2003.

Roger Kodat,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Financial Management Service; Proposed Collection of Information: Pools and Associations—Annual Letter

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Financial Management Service, 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 a continuing information collection. By this notice, the Financial Management Service solicits comments concerning the "Pools and Associations—Annual Letter".

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 28, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Financial Management Service, 3700 East-West Highway, Records and Information Management Branch, Room 135, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Dorothy Martin, Manager, Surety Bond Branch, Room 608A, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland 20872, (202) 874-6850.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3506(C)(2)(A)), the Financial Management Service solicits comments on the collection of information described below.

Title: Pools and Associations—Annual Letter.

OMB Number: 1510-0008.

Form Number: None.

Abstract: The information is collected for the determination of an acceptable percentage for each pool and association to allow Treasury certified companies credit on their Schedule F for authorized ceded reinsurance in determining the companies' underwriting limitations.

Current Actions: Extension of currently approved collection.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 150.

Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the