

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, agencies will be invited by letter to attend a formal Scoping Meeting with a field view. Prior to seeking FHWA approval to circulate the Draft EIS, an additional POB and PIC will be held within the project area. Thence, upon obtaining FHWA approval to circulate the Draft EIS, a Public Hearing will be held within the project area. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the Public Hearing. Public notice will be given of the time and place of all meetings and the public hearing. To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action is addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action should be directed to the FHWA contact person identified in 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 November 14, 2006.

David Hawk,

Program Operations Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 280X)]

The Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Roane County, TN

On November 6, 2006, The Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway Company (CNOTP), a wholly owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company, filed with the Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon an approximately 1.10-mile line of railroad extending from milepost 156.9-H to milepost 158.0-H in Rockwood, Roane County, TN.¹ The line

traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 37854 and serves the station at Rockwood, where CNOTP will continue to provide rail service.

In addition to an exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10903, CNOTP seeks exemption from the offer of financial assistance (OFA) and public use provisions at 49 U.S.C. 10904 and 49 U.S.C. 10905, respectively. In support, CNOTP contends that an exemption from these provisions is necessary to permit conveyance of the line to Franklin Industries (Franklin) for continued operation as a private rail line.² Also, CNOTP intends to continue to use the line, under an agreement with Franklin, as an interchange track to interchange freight traffic with both Franklin and Horsehead.³ These additional exemption requests will be addressed in the final decision.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in CNOTP's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by February 23, 2007.

Any OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption, unless the Board grants the requested exemption from the OFA process. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,300 filing fee. *See* 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public

on the proposition that there was no need for continued operations over the line because no shipper would lose any service it required. CNOTP did not attempt to justify that petition based on operating losses. When a shipper on the line, Horsehead Corp. (Horsehead), opposed the abandonment, the Board denied the petition without prejudice to the subsequent filing of an application or a properly supported petition for exemption to abandon the line. *See The Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Roane County, TN*, STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 236X), slip op. at 3 (STB served Dec. 2, 2005).

² Franklin previously acquired a 15.4-mile line of railroad (known as the Crab Orchard Line) from CNOTP. *See The Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Cumberland and Roane Counties, TN*, STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 208X) (STB served Nov. 15, 2000).

³ In this filing, CNOTP states that Horsehead's name is Horsehead Resource Development, Inc.

use, including interim trail use. Unless the Board grants the requested exemption from the public use provisions, any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than December 14, 2006. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$200 filing fee. *See* 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 280X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) James R. Paschall, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510. Replies to the petition are due on or before December 14, 2006.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152.

Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1539. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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

Decided: November 15, 2006.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 17, 2006.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to

¹ On August 15, 2005, CNOTP filed a petition for exemption to abandon this same line based solely

OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Dates: Written comments should be received on or before December 26, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545–1707.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Estate Tax; Extension to File.

Form: 706.

Description: This collection involves regulations relating to the filing of an application for an automatic 6-month extension of time to file an estate tax return (Form 706). The regulations provide guidance to executors of decedents' estates on how to properly file the application for the automatic extension.

Respondents: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1 hour.

Clearance Officer: Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, (202) 622–3428.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395–7316.

Robert Dahl,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans will be held on December 13–14, 2006, at the Department of Veterans Affairs Atlanta

Regional Office, 1700 Clairmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia. The sessions will convene at 8 a.m. each day. On December 13, the session will end at 4 p.m. and on December 14 will end at 12 Noon. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with an ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of the policies, organizational structures, and services of the Department in assisting homeless veterans. The Committee shall assemble and review information relating to the needs of homeless veterans and provide ongoing advice on the most appropriate means of assisting homeless veterans. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

On December 13, the Committee will review the responses to the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans 2006 report and receive information and reports from the Department of Veterans Affairs and other Federal departments.

On December 14, the Committee will continue to receive reports and begin preparation of its upcoming annual report and recommendations to the Secretary.

Those wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Pete Dougherty, Department of Veterans Affairs, at (202) 273–5764. No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, the Committee will accept written comments from interested parties on issues affecting homeless veterans. Such comments should be referred to the Committee at the following address: Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans, Homeless Veterans Programs Office (075D), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: November 17, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riffin,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ACTION: Notice of New System of Records; Extension of Comment Period.

SUMMARY: The Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552(e)(4), requires that all agencies publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of the existence and character of their systems of records. On October 24, 2006, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) published a notice of a new system of records entitled “Automated Safety Incident Surveillance and Tracking System—VA” (99VA13). 71 FR 62347–62350. The system notice provided for a comment period ending November 24, 2006, and if no comments were received during that period of time, the system of records was to be effective on that date. 71 FR 62347. In response to a request for an extension of the comment period, the Department of Veterans Affairs is hereby extending the comment period until December 26, 2006. All written comments previously received will be considered and need not be resubmitted.

DATES: The comment period is extended to December 26, 2006. Comments must be received on or before December 26, 2006. If no public comment is received, the new system will become effective December 26, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted through www.Regulations.gov; by mail or hand-delivery to the Director, Regulations Management (00REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Room 1068, Washington, DC 20420; or by fax to (202) 273–9026. Copies of comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Room 1063B, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays). Please call (202) 273–9515 for an appointment. In addition, during the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Veterans Health Administration Privacy Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20420, telephone (727) 320–1839.

Approved: November 20, 2006.

William F. Russo,

Director of Regulations Management.

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