

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM OF RECORDS:

The following categories of individuals are covered by PMIS:

1. All active MARAD employees, which include U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) Federal employees.
2. All inactive MARAD and USMMA employees, which include retirees.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

PMIS contains the following types of records:

- Payroll information such as pay grade, salary, awards, thrift savings data (TSP), reduction in force (RIF)
- Personnel data include SSN, name (first, middle, last), security clearance level, employment status, organization, *etc.*
- Project labor charges has the labor rate information for each MARAD mission project.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Merchant Marine Act of 1936.

PURPOSES:

PMIS is used for personnel management, which includes name, labor charges, approved project codes. The information is utilized for project management and forecasting labor charges.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

PMIS provides MARAD managers with timely Personnel Compensation & Benefit (PC&B) information to allow informed decision-making, which can be the cost effects of current and future staffing and the financial position of their organizations. PMIS is also used to generate bi-weekly, monthly, and ad hoc management reports, *e.g.*, a within grade increase (WGI) projection report for the employees' pay increase and budget cost within an organization.

DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

None.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**STORAGE:**

Data is stored in this system on a dedicated server.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are retrievable by last name, organization code and pay period.

SAFEGUARDS:

The production environment is located in a secure zone behind a firewall, called a Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) that enables secure connections from the Internet.

DOT Crisis and Security Management Center (CSMC) monitors all traffic within the department looking for any possible attacks. CSMC works with the modes during possible attacks. MARAD has Cisco ASA devices to monitor events on the system, detect attacks, and provide identification of unauthorized use of the system.

The Stennis Data Center in Mississippi hosting PMIS is occupied by the Department of Navy contractor personnel and is not open to the general public. The Data Center is uniquely constructed. It was formerly an ammunition manufacturing facility and as such, its external walls are constructed completely of steel reinforced concrete that is 12 to 48 inches thick. It has no windows. The construction materials as well as its location inside of the Stennis Space Center significantly reduces its vulnerability to most conventional types of external threats *i.e.* vehicle born improvised explosive devices (VBIEDs), burglary, trespassing, and unauthorized entry.

The facility operates in a secure closed manner. Outside personnel do not have unescorted access to the facility. Mail deliveries are received by facility personnel who screen all material before being brought into the facility. All equipment is delivered and sent through a secure loading dock. All equipment is installed either by or under the supervision of facility personnel.

The test and development environments are available only to local personnel and selected users connecting via a Virtual Private Network.

System data is protected by daily backups to Linear Tape Open (LTO3) tape. In addition, daily backups of data to a local server hard drive, which are kept for a period of 14 days to safeguard the data.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

The files are retained and disposed of according to the MARAD Records Schedule, according to the National Archives and Records Administration, and DOT policy. Schedule No. 232 (Dispose of when superseded by master file processing updates.)

SYSTEM OWNER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Deputy Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE., Washington, DC 20590. 202-366-5110.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals wishing to know if their records appear in this system may make a request in writing to the FOIA/Privacy

Act Officer, Maritime Administration 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE., W26-499, Washington, DC 20590. The request must include the requester's name, mailing address, telephone number and/or e-mail address, a description and, if possible, the location of the records requested, and verification of identity (such as, a statement under penalty or perjury that the requester is the individual who he or she claims to be).

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to information about them in this system should apply to the FOIA/Privacy Act Officer, following the same procedure as indicated under "Notification procedure." Mariners can log into the system to view their documents.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking to contest the content of information about them in this system should apply to the FOIA/Privacy Act Officer, following the same procedure as indicated under "Notification procedure."

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information in PMIS is obtained from U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) and DOT/FAA Federal Personnel and Payroll System (FPPS).

The data from DOI includes employees' payroll data such as SSN, name (first, middle, last), hours worked, and salary.

The information from FPPS contains number of employees for each organization, SSN, name (first, middle, last), salary, type of pay plan, and leave balance.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

Dated: September 10, 2009.

Habib Azarsina,

Departmental Privacy Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 35294]

**Squaw Creek Southern Railroad, Inc.—
Lease and Operation Exemption—
Central of Georgia Railroad Company**

Squaw Creek Southern Railroad, Inc. (SQS), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease and to operate, pursuant to an amendment dated August 31, 2009, to a lease agreement

(Agreement) entered into on April 21, 2008, with Central of Georgia Railroad Company (CGA), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR), approximately 12.5 miles of CGA's rail line between milepost E-53-3 at Machen, Jasper County, GA, and milepost E-65.8 at Newborn, Newton County, GA.

SQS states that the line connects with CGA and CSX Transportation, Inc. SQS believes its Agreement does not include an interchange commitment that violates 49 CFR 1150.43(h) (requiring submission of complete version of agreement that may limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier). Nevertheless, SQS has concurrently filed with its notice a complete version of the Agreement, marked "highly confidential" and submitted under seal pursuant to 49 CFR 1104.14(a). SQS also states that under the Agreement, it will receive per car handling charges from NSR for each car originating or terminating on SQS and interchanged with CGA. According to SQS, the Agreement also provides for an annual amount of minimal rental which SQS may pay in full or against which it can receive an offset from cars interchanged to CGA. However, the Agreement provides that there is no restriction on SQS's ability to interchange traffic with any other connecting carrier and that SQS is permitted local and switch rates without interchange restrictions.

SQS certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of the transaction will not result in SQS becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier and further certifies that its projected annual revenues will not exceed \$5 million.

SQS states that it expects to consummate the transaction on or after September 30, 2009. The earliest this transaction may be consummated is October 1, 2009, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the exemption was filed).

Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law No. 110-161, § 193, 121 Stat. 1844 (2007), nothing in this decision authorizes the following activities at any solid waste rail transfer facility: collecting, storing or transferring solid waste outside of its original shipping container; or separating or processing solid waste (including baling, crushing, compacting and shredding). The term "solid waste" is defined in section 1004 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. 6903.

If the verified 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 effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than September 24, 2009 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35294, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Andrew P. Goldstein, McCarthy, Sweeney & Harkaway, P.C., 2175 K Street, NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20037.

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

Decided: September 14, 2009.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Kulunie L. Cannon,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Financial Management Service; Proposed Collection of Information: Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Market Research Study

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 "Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Market Research Study."

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 16, 2009.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Request for additional information should be directed to Edita Rickard, EFT Strategy Division, 401 14th Street, SW., Room 304C, Washington, DC 20227, 202-874-7165.

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: Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Market Research Study.

OMB Number: 15 10-0074.

Form Number: None.

Abstract: Study of Federal benefit recipients to identify barriers to significant increases in use of EFT for benefit and vendor payments.

Current Action: Extension of currently approved collection.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 19,500.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 3 hours 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 7,500.

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 collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up cost and cost of operation, maintenance and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: September 10, 2009.

Rita Bratcher,

Assistant Commissioner and Chief Disbursing Officer, Payment Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Reasonable Charges for Inpatient MS-DRGs and SNF Medical Services for 2010; Fiscal Year Update

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.