

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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. 33294, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Robert P. vom Eigen, Esq., Hopkins & Sutter, 888 16th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006.

Decided: December 2, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.
Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 96-31330 Filed 12-9-96; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 4915-00-P

[STB Finance Docket No. 32984]

Hastings Industrial Link Railroad— Construction and Operation Exemption—Hastings, NE

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board conditionally exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 the construction and operation by Hastings Industrial Link Railroad of a 1-mile line of railroad, in Adams County, NE.

DATES: The exemption will not become effective until the environmental process is completed. Then, the Board will issue a further decision addressing the environmental matters and establishing an exemption effective date at that time, if appropriate. Petitions to reopen must be filed by December 30, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 32984, to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) Andrew P. Goldstein, Suite 1105, 1750

Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC Data & News, Inc., Room 2229, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: December 2, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice
Chairman Simmons, Commissioner Owen.
Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 96-31331 Filed 12-09-96; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 4915-00-P

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: United States Information Agency.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces that the following information collection activity has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. USIA is requesting approval for revisions and a three-year extension of an information collection entitled "Certificate of eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status (J-1 Visa)", under OMB control number 3116-0008 which expires January 31, 1996. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c) (2) (A)].

The information collection activity involved with the program is conducted pursuant to the mandate given to the United States Information Agency under the terms and conditions of the Mutual and Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Title 22 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 514, Exchange Visitor Program, Final Rule; and Title 8, Section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

DATE: Comments are due on or before January 9, 1997.

COPIES: Copies of the Request for Clearance (OMB 83-I), supporting statement, and other documents that have been submitted to OMB for approval may be obtained from the USIA Clearance Officer. Comments should be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for USIA, and also to the USIA Clearance Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Agency Clearance Officer, Ms. Jeannette Giovetti, United States Information Agency, M/ADD, 301 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547, telephone (202) 619-4408, internet address JGiovetti@USIA.GOV; and OMB review: Ms. Victoria Wassmer, Office of Information And Regulatory Affairs, Office of management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Docket Library, Room 1002, NEOB, Washington, D.C. 20503, Telephone (202) 395-5871.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on October 10, 1996 (vol. 61, no. 198). Public reporting burden for this collection of information (Paper Work Reduction Project: OMB No. 3116-0008) is estimated to average 15 minutes per response. Respondents are required to respond only one time, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the United States Information Agency, M/ADD, 301 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Docket Library, Room 10202, NEOB, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Current Actions: This information collection has been submitted to OMB for the purpose of requesting a three-year extension and approval of revisions to the form.

Title: "Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status (J-1 Visa)".

Form Number: IAP-66.

Abstract: This information collection is used by Exchange Visitor sponsors to appropriately identify an individual

seeking to enter the U.S. as an exchange visitor. The completed form is sent to the prospective exchange visitor abroad, who takes it to the U.S. Consulate (Embassy) to secure an exchange visitor (J-1) visa.

Proposed Frequency of Responses:

No. of Respondents—200,000;
Recordkeeping Hours—.15; Total
Annual Burden—50,000.

Dated: December 4, 1996.

Rose Royal,

Federal Register Liaison.

[FR Doc. 96-31306 Filed 12-9-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8230-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Wage Committee, Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with Pub. L. 92-463, gives notice that meetings of the VA Wage Committee will be held on:

Wednesday, January 15, 1997, at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 29, 1997, at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19, 1997, at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26, 1997, at 2:00 p.m.

The meetings will be held in Room 246, Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420.

The Committee's purpose is to advise the Under Secretary for Health on the development and authorization of wage schedules for Federal Wage System (blue-collar) employees.

At these meetings the Committee will consider wage survey specifications, wage survey data, local committee reports and recommendations, statistical analyses, and proposed wage schedules.

All portions of the meetings will be closed to the public because the matters considered are related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of

the Department of Veterans Affairs and because the wage survey data considered by the Committee have been obtained from officials of private business establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence. Closure of the meetings is in accordance with subsection 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, as amended by Pub. L. 94-409, and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (4).

However, members of the public are invited to submit material in writing to the Chairperson for the Committee's attention.

Additional information concerning these meetings may be obtained from the Chairperson, VA Wage Committee (05), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: December 4, 1996.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

[FR Doc. 96-31402 Filed 12-9-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8320-01-M