

announced the formation of the NPOWG. The working group is established to recommend a notice of proposed rulemaking which would define the process to reduce or prevent the adverse effects of commercial sightseeing flights over the National Parks where deemed necessary. The working group held its first sessions on May 20 and 21, 1997, in Washington, DC.

The overflights working group is composed of nine members representing a balance of air tour operators, both fixed and rotary wing; general aviation users; other commercial aviation interests; national tour associations; environmental groups; and Native Americans. Co-chairs for the working group have been selected by the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Interior (DOI). DOT and DOI representatives will act as advisors to the membership, but will not be active members of the working group. A facilitator provides focus for the group.

The working group will terminate 100 days from the date of its initial meeting. The group will make its final recommendations to the ARAC and NPS Advisory Board at the end of that 100 days. The ARAC and NPS Advisory Board will review the recommendations of the working group and report to the NPS and FAA. Progress or status reports from the working group are expected every 21 days. NPS and FAA anticipate that the final product of the NPOWG will be a recommended notice of proposed rulemaking.

Meeting Location and Protocol

Because the meeting location has not been selected as of the date of this notice, persons interested in attending the June or July meetings should contact a person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Readers are also reminded that the June meeting will begin at 1:00 on the 11th and end at noon on the 13th.

The June and July meetings are open to the public. In keeping with the organizational protocols developed by the working group, the following rules apply: Only working group members (or their alternates when filling in for a member) have the privilege of sitting at the negotiating table and of speaking from the floor during the negotiations without working group approval, except: any member may call upon another individual to elaborate on a relevant point, the NPS and FAA advisors to the working group have the full right to the floor and may raise and address appropriate points, and any person attending working group

meetings may address the working group if time permits and may file statements with the working group for its consideration.

The final report of the NPOWG will be made available to the public when it is reported to the Advisory Board and ARAC. In addition, both agencies envision that public meetings will be held following the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking on the issues regarding overflights of the national parks.

Issued in Washington, DC on June 2, 1997.

Ida M. Klepper,

Acting Director of Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 12X)]

The Kansas City Southern Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Webster, Bienville, Natchitoches and Winn Parishes, LA

The Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCS) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 61.62-mile line of railroad between milepost 83.02 at or near Sibley, and milepost 144.64 at or near Carla, in Webster, Bienville, Natchitoches and Winn Parishes, LA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 71039, 71045, 71002, 71070 and 71410.

KCS 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 July 6, 1997, 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 1152.29³ must be filed by June 16, 1997. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by June 26, 1997, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Thomas F. McFarland, Jr., McFarland & Herman, 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1330, Chicago, IL 60606-2902.

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

KCS has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by June 11, 1997. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. 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), KCS shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If

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 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 offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$900. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

³ The Board will accept late-filed trail use requests as long as the abandonment has not been consummated and the abandoning railroad is willing to negotiate an agreement.

consummation has not been effected by KCS's filing of a notice of consummation by June 6, 1998, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Decided: June 2, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The OCC, 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. Currently, the OCC is soliciting comments concerning the revision of an information collection formerly titled Preliminary Survey of Nonbanked Status and now retitled Survey of Financial Activities and Attitudes.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by August 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to the Communications Division, Attention: 1557-0209, Third Floor, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 874-5274, or by

electronic mail to
REGS.COMMENTS@OCC.TREAS.GOV.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the collection may be obtained by contacting Jessie Gates or Dionne Walsh, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division (1557-0209), Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Survey of Financial Activities and Attitudes.

OMB Number: 1557-0209.

Form Number: Not Applicable.

Abstract: The OCC encourages national banks to provide fair access to financial services for all. Last fall, the OCC initiated a major project to learn more about why millions of households have no banking relationships (nonbanked), and whether some banks have found ways of profitably serving them.

As the first part of this initiative, the OCC prepared the Preliminary Survey of Nonbanked Status. The OCC now plans to conduct a Survey of Financial Activities and Attitudes (Final Survey) to learn more about how nonbanked households conduct their financial activities and what factors may keep them from using banking services.

The OCC will conduct the Final Survey through a contractor, in several urban locations, and in English and Spanish. The Final Survey will involve both personal contacts and telephone interviews.

The Final Survey will provide the OCC, as well as national banks and the general public, with information on diversity within the nonbanked population; how nonbanked households currently conduct their financial activities; their experience with, and interest in, banking services; and the financial service costs they incur.

The OCC will use this information to better assess national bank efforts to serve nonbanked households. Further,

the OCC and the industry will use this information to identify effective methods for better serving nonbanked households and to identify barriers to financial services they face. The OCC also will use the results of the Final Survey as background information in its policymaking process.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 1,000 respondents.

Total Annual Responses: 1,000 responses.

Frequency of Response: One time only.

Total Annual Burden: 500 hours.

Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB 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 has 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 on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: June 2, 1997.

Karen Solomon,

Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division.

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