

**Nevada Northern Railway Museum (NNRX)**

[FRA Waiver Petition Docket No. RSEQ-95-1]

The NNRX seeks a waiver of compliance with 49 CFR, Part 240, "Qualifications for Locomotive Engineers." NNRX is a seasonal tourist operation with both steam and diesel train excursions. The normal operating season is from Memorial Day through Labor Day on weekends only. The NNRX operates a program called "Student Engineer-Locomotive Rental Program" which, according to the railroad, has generated much of the income necessary to keep the museum operating and its continuation is imperative to the future of the museum. In addition, the program "provides an opportunity for an individual to learn the aspects and responsibilities of a locomotive engineer as well as the history of the Nevada Northern Railway." The NNRX program's total rental period, including testing, preparation and cab time will not exceed two hours. It is proposed that movement will be locomotive only and under the direct supervision of a certified locomotive engineer and fireman. A written examination and adequate clothing will be required. Furthermore, each student must be in reasonably good health and have good eyesight.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket No. RSEQ-95-1) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Communications received within 30 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at 1120

Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, Room 7020.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on July 2, 1997.

**Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 1)]

**CSX Transportation, Inc.; Construction and Operation Exemption; Connection Track at Crestline, OH**

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) and Consolidated Rail Corporation (CRC) have filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.36 to construct a connection track between two CRC main lines in the NW Quadrant. The connection will extend approximately 1,507 feet between approximately milepost 75.4 on CRC's North-South main line between Greenwich, OH, and Indianapolis, IN, and approximately milepost 188.8 on CRC's East-West main line between Pittsburgh and Ft. Wayne, IN.<sup>1</sup>

Construction is scheduled to begin on or about 90 days after the filing date of this notice, but not before the effective date of the exemption, which is 70 days

<sup>1</sup> This proceeding is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33388, CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc., Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Control and Operating Leases/Agreements—Conrail, Inc. and Consolidated Rail Corporation (CSX/NS/CR). In CSX/NS/CR, Decision No. 9, served June 12, 1997, the Board granted the applicants' Petition for Waiver, allowing CSXT and CRC to seek approval for construction of four "first day" connections, including this proposed connection at Crestline, OH, prior to Board approval of the Primary Control Application. CSXT filed a notice of exemption to construct and operate a connection track in Crestline, as a related filing in Volume 5 of the primary application filed on June 23, 1997, in the CSX/NS/CR proceeding. See CSX/NS-22 (Volume 5) at 94. CSXT and CRC concurrently filed a slightly modified version of the notice of exemption for construction of a connection track in Crestline (CSX-5). The Board will consider both filings in tandem. As the Board stated in CSX/NS/CR, Decision No. 9, at 6-7:

\* \* \* in reviewing these projects separately, we will consider the regulatory and environmental aspects of these proposed constructions and applicants' proposed operations over these lines together in the context of whether to approve each individual physical construction project. The operational implications of the merger as a whole, including operations over the \* \* \* construction projects, will be examined in the context of the [Environmental Impact Statement] EIS that we are preparing for the overall merger. \* \* \* No rail operations can begin over these (four CSX connections) until completion of the EIS process and issuance of a further decision.

after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, unless stayed.

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will analyze the potential environmental impact of this proposed construction and operation, which is addressed in the environmental documents prepared in the primary application in STB Finance Docket No. 33388. The environmental report covering the proposed construction and operation of the connection track at Crestline is contained in the Environmental Report filed with the Board in STB Finance Docket No. 33388. In addition, as the Board required in CSX/NS/CR, Decision No. 9, CSX must submit, no later than September 5, 1997 (Day F+75), a preliminary draft environmental assessment (PDEA) for each individual construction project covered by the Board's waiver decision. Each PDEA must comply with all of the requirements for environmental reports contained in the environmental rules at 49 CFR 1105.7. Also, the PDEA must be based on consultations with SEA and the federal, state, and local agencies set forth in 49 CFR 1105.7(b), as well as other appropriate parties. If a PDEA is insufficient, the Board may require additional environmental information or reject the document. See CSX/NS/CR, Decision No. 9, at 8.

As part of the environmental review process, SEA will independently verify the information contained in each PDEA, conduct further independent analysis, as necessary, and develop appropriate environmental mitigation measures. For each project, SEA plans to prepare an EA, which will be served on the public for its review and comment. The public will have 20 days to comment on the EA, including the proposed environmental mitigation measures. After the close of the public comment period, SEA will prepare Post Environmental Assessments (Post EAs) containing SEA's final recommendations, including appropriate environmental mitigation. *Id.* at 8. The effective date of this exemption may be stayed pending consideration of the environmental record and completion of the environmental process.

Should the Board determine that the Crestline construction project could potentially cause, or contribute to, significant environmental impacts, then the project will be incorporated into the EIS for the proposed control transaction in STB Finance Docket No. 33388, CSX/NS/CR. *Id.* at 8. The Board's consideration of this construction project does not, and will not, in any way, constitute approval of, or even

indicate any consideration on our part respecting approval of, the primary application in STB Finance Docket No. 33388.

This exemption will be effective on September 19, 1997, unless stayed. Petitions to stay the effective date of this notice on any grounds must be filed by July 21, 1997. Petitions for reconsideration must be filed by July 31, 1997.

If the 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. 33388 (Sub-No. 1), must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001 and served on: Dennis G. Lyons, Arnold & Porter, 555 Twelfth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20004-1206. Parties to STB Finance Docket No. 33388 will not be automatically placed on the service list for this proceeding.

Decided: July 3, 1997.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Bureau of the Public Debt

#### Proposed Collection: Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently the Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Certificate of Identity of Owner of Registered Securities and Certificate of Identity of Owner of Savings and Retirement Securities.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 9, 1997, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Vicki S. Thorpe, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Vicki S. Thorpe, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, (304) 480-6553.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Certificate of Identity of Owner of Registered Securities and Certificate of Identity of Owner of Savings and Retirement Securities.

*OMB Number:* 1535-0048.

*Form Numbers:* PD F 0385 and PD F 0385-1.

*Abstract:* The information is requested to establish the identity of the owner of United States Savings Bonds/Notes or Registered Securities.

*Current Actions:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 177.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 89.

*Request for 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 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 costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: July 7, 1997.

**Vicki S. Thorpe,**

Manager, Graphics, Printing and Records Branch.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Bureau of the Public Debt

#### Proposed Collection: Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently the Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Application for disposition of United States registered securities and related checks without administration of deceased owner's estate.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 9, 1997, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Vicki S. Thorpe, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Vicki S. Thorpe, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, (304) 480-6553.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Application for Disposition of United States Registered Securities and Related Checks Without Administration of Deceased Owner's Estate.

*OMB Number:* 1535-0058.

*Form Number:* PD F 1646.

*Abstract:* The information is requested to support a request for distribution of registered securities belonging to a decedent's estate that is not being administered.

*Current Actions:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 625.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 90 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 938.

*Request for 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