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Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33604 (Sub-No. 1)]

Southern Switching Company— Operation Exemption—Lone Star Railroad, Inc.

Southern Switching Company (SSC), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to operate over approximately 8.24 miles of railroad leased by Lone Star Railroad, Inc. (LSRI). The involved trackage is as follows: all Abilene, TX yard tracks south of the Abilene wye track and south of the east-west main line, including the A&S Industrial Lead from milepost 0.0 to milepost 4.30, at Abilene, Taylor County, TX.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after May 26, 1998.

This proceeding is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33604, *Lone Star Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company*, wherein LSRI has concurrently filed a notice of exemption to acquire through lease the Abilene line from Union Pacific Railroad Company.¹

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. 33604 (Sub-No. 1), must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas F. McFarland, Jr., 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1330, Chicago, IL 60606-2902.

Decided: June 12, 1998.

¹ LSRI and SSC are commonly controlled by Gregory B. Cundiff. See *Gregory B. Cundiff—Continuance in Control Exemption—Lone Star Railroad, Inc. and Southern Switching Company*, Finance Docket No. 32501 (ICC served May 27, 1994).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 10, 1998.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to 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 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Dates: Written comments should be received on or before July 6, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

Special Request: In order to conduct the surveys described below at the beginning July 1998, the Department of the Treasury is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approve this information collection by June 23, 1998. To obtain a copy of this study, please contact the Internal Revenue Service Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1432.

Project Number: M:SP:V 98-011-G.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: 1998 Second Quarter Automated 941 TeleFile Customer Survey.

Description: The 941 TeleFile automated customer satisfaction survey is part of the 1998 941 Quality Measurement plan and is designed as one means of evaluating the effectiveness of the 941 TeleFile system. This survey requests information about satisfaction and whether the business filer would be willing to use the TeleFile system again.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,385.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 1 minute.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 23 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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Dates: Written comments should be received on or before July 25, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1420.

Form Number: IRS Form 8849.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Claim for Refund of Excise Taxes.

Description: Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 6402, 6404, and sections 301.6402-2, 301.6404-3 of the regulations, allow for refunds of taxes (except income taxes) or refund, abatement, or credit of interest, penalties, and additions to tax in the event of errors or certain actions by IRS. Form 8849 is used by taxpayers to claim refunds of excise taxes.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 125,292.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping—35 hr., 9 min.

Learning about the law or the form—1 hr., 30 min.

Preparing, copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS—2 hr., 7 min.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly, Weekly, Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 890,507 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1596.

Form Number: IRS Form 8857.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Request for Innocent Spouse Relief.

Description: Section 6103(e) of the Internal Revenue Code allows taxpayers to request, and IRS to grant, "innocent spouse" relief when: taxpayer filed a joint return with tax substantially understated; taxpayer establishes no knowledge of, or benefit from, the understatement; and it would be inequitable to hold the taxpayer liable. GAO Report GAO/GGD-97-34 recommended IRS develop a form to make relief easier for the public to request.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 11,667.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:

Learning about the law or the form—14 minutes

Preparing the form—16 minutes

Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS—20 minutes

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 9,684 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

June 12, 1998.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to 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 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Dates: Written comments should be received on or before July 20, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: New.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: New collection.

Title: Late Paid Schedule C Health Care Study.

Description: This is a survey for quantitative research to identify potential causes and remedies for late payment of federal income taxes by Form 1040 Schedule C filers in the Health Care industry. The data developed in this research will be used to formulate treatments for late payments by health care sole proprietors.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,430.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 7 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 170 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-0160.

Form Number: IRS Form 3520-A.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner.

Description: Section 6048(b) requires that foreign trusts with at least one U.S. beneficiary must file an annual information return on Form 3520-A. The form is used to report the income and deductions of the foreign trust and provide statements to the U.S. owners and beneficiaries. IRS uses Form 3520-A to determine if the U.S. owner of the trust has included the net income of the trust in its gross income.

Respondents: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 500.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping—36 hr., 21 min.

Learning about the law or the form—2 hr., 59 min.

Preparing and sending the form to the IRS—3 hr., 42 min.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 21,515 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1597.

Revenue Procedure Number: Revenue Procedure 98-27.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Qualified Intermediaries (QI).

Description: Revenue Procedure 98-27 describes application procedures for becoming a qualified intermediary (QI) and the requisite agreement that a QI must execute with the IRS.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 88,504.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Estimated Time for a QI Account

Holder—30 minutes

Estimated Time for a QI—2,093 hours

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting/

Recordkeeping Burden: 301,393 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 6, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

SPECIAL REQUEST: In order to conduct the focus group interviews described below at the beginning July 1998, the Department of the Treasury is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approve this information collection by June 19, 1998. To obtain a copy of this study, please contact the Internal Revenue Service Clearance Officer at the address listed below.