

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 Kevin M. Sheys, Oppenheimer Wolff Donnelly & Bayh LLP, 1350 Eye Street, NW Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005-3324.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33579]

Gauley River Railroad, LLC—Purchase, Lease and Operation Exemption—CSX Transportation, Inc.

Gauley River Railroad, LLC (GRIV), a noncarrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to purchase from CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) and operate approximately 30.7 miles of rail line in West Virginia.¹ GRIV will acquire two rail line segments: (1) between milepost BUE-119 (Valuation Station 5035+89.6) near Cowen, WV, and milepost BUE-129 (Valuation Station 5563+89.6) at Allingdale, WV (Line A) and (2) between milepost BUE-12.4 (Valuation Station 1096+48.2) at Muddlety Falls, WV, and milepost BUE-20.7 (Valuation Station 1092+45), including the McMillion Creek Branch, Delmont Branch, and all other connecting spur and sidetracks (Line C). GRIV will also sublease from CSXT a third line segment, which connects or bridges together Line A and Line C, extending from milepost BUE-0.0 (Valuation Station 441+43) at Allingdale, WV, to milepost BUE-12.4 (Valuation Station 649+86.8) at Muddlety Falls, WV (Line B). Line B serves as a connecting stretch of railroad linking together Lines A, B, and C.²

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or shortly after June 25, 1998.

¹ GRIV certifies that its projected revenues will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III carrier.

² Line B is currently owned by Strouds Creek and Muddlety Railroad (SC&M). SC&M leases the line to CSXT. According to CSXT's lease agreement with SC&M, CSXT is permitted to enter into the contemplated sublease.

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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33579, 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, one copy of each pleading must be served on Keith G. O'Brien, Esq., Rea, Cross & Auchincloss, Suite 570, 1707 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33624]

Mississippi & Tennessee RailNet, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—The Kansas City Southern Railway Company

Mississippi & Tennessee RailNet, Inc. (MTRN), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate approximately 87.1 miles of rail line and approximately 7.53 miles of spur and side tracks from The Kansas City Southern Railway Company between milepost 281.5 at Houston, MS, and milepost 368.6 at Middleton, TN.¹

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

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33625, *North American RailNet, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Mississippi & Tennessee RailNet, Inc.*, wherein North American RailNet, Inc. will continue in control of MTRN upon its becoming a Class III rail carrier.

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

¹ MTRN states that its projected revenues will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and its revenues are not projected to exceed \$5 million.

exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33624, 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 Robert A. Wimbish, Esq., Rea, Cross, & Auchincloss, 1707 L Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20036.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33625]

North American RailNet, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Mississippi & Tennessee RailNet, Inc.

North American RailNet, Inc. (NARN), has filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of Mississippi & Tennessee RailNet, Inc. (MTRN), upon MTRN becoming a Class III railroad.

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

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33624, *Mississippi & Tennessee RailNet, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—The Kansas City Southern Railway Company*, wherein MTRN seeks to acquire and operate a rail line from The Kansas City Southern Railway Company.

NARN controls three existing Class III railroads; Nebraska, Kansas & Colorado RailNet, Inc., operating in Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado; Illinois RailNet, Inc., operating in Illinois; and Camas Prairie RailNet, Inc., operating in Mississippi and Tennessee.

NARN states that: (i) The rail lines operated by MTRN do not connect with any railroad in the corporate family; (ii) the transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect MTRN's lines with any railroad in the corporate family; and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is

exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33625, 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 pending must be served on Robert A. Wimbish, Esq., Rea, Cross, & Auchincloss, 1707 L Street, NW, Suite 570, Washington, DC 20036.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the

Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Bond—Export Warehouse Proprietor, Export Bond—Customs Bonded Cigar Manufacturing Warehouse, Extension of Coverage of Bond, Bond Under 26 U.S.C 6423, Manufacturer of Tobacco Products.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 14, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Cliff Mullen, Regulations Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8181.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Bond—Export Warehouse Proprietor, ATF F 2103 (5220.5), Export Bond—Customs Bonded Cigar Manufacturing Warehouse, ATF F 2104 (5200.15), Extension of Coverage of Bond, ATF F 2105 (5000.7), Bond Under 26 U.S.C. 6423, ATF F 2490 (5620.10), Bond—Manufacturer of Tobacco Products, ATF F 3070 (5210.13)

OMB Number: 1512-0534.

Form Number: See Titles.

Abstract: These forms provide an efficient method of collecting the required information for the excise tax on wine, and provide a statutory system of controls for securing payment of taxes properly due. The recordkeeping requirement for this information collection is 2 years.

Current Actions: There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour and 40 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25.

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 technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: June 29, 1998.

Steve L. Mathis,

Acting Assistant Director (Management)/CFO.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

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 Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Marks and Notices on Packages of Tobacco Products.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 14, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Marks on Notices on Packages of Tobacco Products.

OMB Number: 1512-0532.

Recordkeeping Requirement ID Number: ATF REC 5210/13.

Abstract: This information collection requires the manufacturer, or exporter to