

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 U.S.C. 31136; 49 U.S.C. 31502; 49 CFR 1.48 and 1.50.

Issued on: January 22, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33680]

Central New England Railroad, Inc.— Operation Exemption—Line Owned by State of Connecticut Department of Transportation

Central New England Railroad, Inc., an existing Class III carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to operate approximately 8.7 miles of rail line owned by the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation from milepost 0.0, at Hartford, CT, to milepost 8.7, at Griffins, CT (known as the Griffins Industrial Track).¹

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or after January 22, 1999.

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. 33680 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served upon Robert A. Wimbish, Esq., Rea, Cross & Auchincloss, 1707 L Street, NW., Suite 570, Washington, DC 20036.

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¹ Applicant represents that the result of the proposed transaction will be the resumption of common carrier service on a state-owned line.

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. 33704]

Pioneer Railcorp and Wabash & Western Railway Co.—Acquisition of Control Exemption—Michigan Southern Railroad Co., Inc.

Pioneer Railcorp (Pioneer), a noncarrier holding company, and Wabash & Western Railway Co. (WAB), a Class III rail carrier, have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption to acquire, through stock purchase, Michigan Southern Railroad Co., Inc., (MSR), a Class III rail carrier, operating in the States of Michigan and Indiana.¹

The earliest the transaction could be consummated was January 6, 1999, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

As indicated by Pioneer and WAB in their notice, pursuant to the original lease agreement between WAB, MSR, Gordon D. Morris, and Morris Leasing Co., Ltd. (MLSC), WAB has the option to purchase the outstanding stock of MSR, and the rail assets of MLSC would be transferred to MSR prior the closing of the stock purchase. WAB will continue to lease and operate the lines of MSR as well as operate under the name of Michigan Southern Railroad.²

WAB is a subsidiary of Pioneer Railcorp (Pioneer), which directly controls thirteen existing shortline rail carriers.³ Pioneer will indirectly control MSR upon completion of this transaction.

Pioneer and WAB state that: (i) The railroads do not connect with each other; (ii) the transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the railroads with each other; and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior

¹ See *Morris Leasing Co., Ltd. and Michigan Southern Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Lines of Consolidated Rail Corporation*, STB Finance Docket No. 33265 (STB served Nov. 13, 1996).

² See *Wabash & Western Railway Co.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Morris Leasing Co., Ltd., and Michigan Southern Railroad, Inc.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33306 (STB served Dec. 24, 1996).

³ See *Pioneer Railcorp—Continuance in Control Exemption—Pioneer Industrial Railway Co.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33550 (STB served Feb. 20, 1998).

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 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. 33704, 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 all pleadings must be served on Daniel A. LaKemper, Esq., 1318 S. Johanson Road, Peoria, IL 61607.

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Decided: January 21, 1999.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 21, 1999.

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 March 1, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF)

OMB Number: 1512-0089.

Form Number: ATF F 5100.24.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Application for Basic Permit Under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act.

Description: ATF Form 5100.24 will be completed by persons intending to engage in a business involving beverage alcohol operations at distilled spirits plants, bonded wineries, or wholesaling/importing businesses. The information allows ATF to identify the applicant and the location of the business and to determine whether the applicant qualifies for a permit.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,600.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 1 hour, 45 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 2,800 hours.

OMB Number: 1512-0090.

Form Number: ATF F 5110.18 (1643).

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Application for Amended Basic Permit Under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act.

Description: ATF F 5100.18 is completed by permittees who change their operations which require a new permit to be issued or a notice to be received by ATF. The information allows ATF to identify the permittee, the changes to the permit or business and to determine whether the applicant qualifies.

Respondent: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,200.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 600 hours.

Clearance Officer: Robert N. Hogarth (202) 927-8930, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Room 3200, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20226.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

January 21, 1999.

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 March 1, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1478.

Regulation Project Number: INTL-9-95 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Certain Transfers of Domestic Stock or Securities by U.S. Persons to Foreign Corporation's.

Description: Transfers of stock or securities by U.S. persons in tax-free transactions are treated as taxable transactions when the acquirer is a foreign corporation, unless an exception applies (section 367(a)). Under the regulations, no U.S. person will qualify for an exception unless the U.S. target company complies with certain reporting requirements.

Respondents: Business and other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 10 hours.

Frequency of Response: Other (once).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 1,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1479.

Regulation Project Number: IA-41-93 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Automatic Extension of Time for Filing Individual Income Tax Returns; Automatic Extension of Time to File Partnership Return of Income, Trust Income Tax Return, and U.S. Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduit Income Tax Return.

Description: Under section 1.6081-4, an individual required to file an income tax return is allowed an automatic 4-month extension of time to file if (a) an application is prepared on Form 4868, "Application for Automatic Extension

of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," or in such other manner as may be prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), (b) the application is filed on or before the date the return is due, and (c) the application shows the full amount properly estimated as tax.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 1 hour.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear, 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 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.
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**UNITED STATES INFORMATION
AGENCY****Culturally Significant Objects Imported
for Exhibition Determinations: "Sigmar
Polke: Works on Paper 1963-1974"**

AGENCY: United States Information Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 FR 133359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985). I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit "Sigmar Polke: Works on Paper 1963-1974," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York, from on or about April 1 through on or about June 16, 1999, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the list of exhibit items, or for