

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Docket: RSPA-98-4957 Notice 11****Request for Comments and OMB Approval****AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT**ACTION:** Notice and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) published a notice requesting extension of an information collection in support of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) for Response Plans for Onshore Oil Pipelines (64 CFR 46746 August 26, 1999). No comments were received. The public is being given another 30 days to provide comments on this information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before December 8, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590, (202) 366-6205 or by electronic mail at Marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Response Plans for Onshore Oil Pipelines.

OMB Number: 2137-0589.

Type of Request: Extension of an existing information collection.

Abstract: The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) requires that certain pipelines that transport oil must develop a response to minimize the impact of an oil discharge in the case of an accident. These response plans enhance the spill response capability of pipeline operators.

Estimate of Burden: The average burden hours per response is approximately 47.

Respondents: Oil Pipeline operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,400.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 65,467 hours.

Frequency: Every three years.

Use: To enhance response capability in the event of an oil spill.

Copies of this information collection can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590 Monday Through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Excluding Federal holidays. This information collection can also be

reviewed electronically on the worldwide web at dms.dot.gov.

Comments are invited on: (a) The need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

Send comments to Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer for the Department of Transportation. All comments will also be a matter of public record.

Issued in Washington, DC on November 2, 1999.

Richard B. Felder,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Research and Special Programs Administration****International Standards on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; Public Meetings**

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested persons that RSPA will conduct public meetings in preparation for and to report the results of the seventeenth session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE) to be held December 6, through December 15, 1999 in Geneva, Switzerland.

DATES: November 30, 1999, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, Room 6202-6204; January 6, 2000, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, Room 3328.

ADDRESSES: Both meetings will be held at the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frits Wybenga, International Standards Coordinator, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, or Bob Richard,

Assistant International Standards Coordinator, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366-0656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purposes of the first meeting will be to prepare for the seventeenth session of the UNSCOE and to discuss U.S. positions on UNSCOE proposals. The primary purpose of the second meeting will be to provide a briefing on the outcome of the UNSCOE session and to prepare for the eighteenth session of the UNSCOE which is scheduled for July 3-14, 2000 in Geneva, Switzerland. Topics to be covered during the public meeting include (1) Global harmonization of classification criteria, (2) Reformatting the UN Recommendations into a model rule, (3) Criteria for Environmentally Hazardous Substances, (4) Intermodal portable tank requirements including requirements for the transport of solids in portable tanks, (5) Requirements applicable to small quantities of hazardous materials in transport (limited quantities) including package marking requirements, package quantity limits and requirements applicable to consumer commodities, (6) Harmonized requirements for compressed gas cylinders, (7) Classification of individual substances, (8) Requirements for bulk and non-bulk packaging used to transport hazardous materials, (9) Requirements for Toxic by Inhalation (TIH) substances and (10) Hazard communication requirements including harmonized shipping papers.

The public is invited to attend without prior notification.

Documents

Copies of documents for the UNSCOE meeting may be obtained by downloading them from the United Nations Transport Division's web site at <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc/dgscomm.html>. Information concerning UN dangerous goods meetings including agendas can be downloaded at <http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/meetings.htm#ST/SG>. These sites may also be accessed through RSPA's Hazardous Materials Safety Homepage at <http://hazmat.dot.gov/intstandards.htm>. RSPA's site also provides information regarding the UNSCOE and related matters such as a summary of decisions taken at the 16th Session of the UNSCOE, meeting dates and a summary of the primary topics which the UNSCOE plans to address in the 1999-2000 biennium.

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Alan I. Roberts,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33810]

Wisconsin Chicago Link Ltd.—Lease Exemption—Pennsylvania Lines LLC

Wisconsin Chicago Link Ltd. (WCLL), a noncarrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease from Pennsylvania Lines LLC (PRR) approximately 1.9 miles of rail line (the Panhandle Line) of the former Pittsburgh Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad Company (PCC&StL) in Chicago, Cook County, IL.¹ The Panhandle Line extends between: (1) A connection with CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) via the Altenheim Subdivision of The Baltimore and Ohio Chicago Terminal Railroad Company at Ogden Junction near Rockwell Street (approximately PCC&StL milepost 309.8), and (2) a point (approximately PCC&StL milepost 307.9) 600 feet north of the north bank of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, near the Ash Street Interlock. The Panhandle Line is paralleled for its entire length by terminal trackage of other carriers, and connects at its north and south ends with the lines of numerous other railroads.² WCLL will also obtain incidental, overhead trackage rights extending south from PCC&StL milepost 307.9, a distance of approximately 2 miles to present or future connections with rail lines of Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS), Canadian National/Grand Trunk Western Railroad, Inc., Illinois Central Railroad Company, Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad Company and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company.

The proposed lease of the Panhandle Line was the subject of an October 17, 1997 settlement agreement entered into by: (1) Norfolk Southern Corporation and NS, which now control and operate PRR, and (2) Wisconsin Central

Transportation Corporation (WCTC) and its then existing carrier affiliates.³ At the time of filing of this notice, the parties were negotiating a definitive lease agreement that would effectuate the intent and purpose of the prior agreement. According to the notice, that lease agreement provides for WCLL's acquisition of a leasehold interest in the Panhandle Line, a portion of the associated right-of-way and certain incidental overhead trackage rights.⁴

WCLL indicates that WCTC will shortly be filing a petition for exemption in a related proceeding in STB Finance Docket No. 33811, *Wisconsin Central Transportation Corporation—Continuance in Control Exemption—Wisconsin Chicago Link Ltd., wherein WCTC will seek to continue in control of WCLL*⁵ once it leases the Panhandle Line and becomes a carrier.

WCLL further states that the Panhandle Line is currently out of service. WCLL intends to reconstruct the line and add additional capacity. Initially operations on the line will be conducted by NS, CSXT, and WCL pursuant to trackage rights. It is anticipated that CSXT will dispatch a portion of the Panhandle Line.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or shortly after October 29, 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. 33810, 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 Janet H.

³ The Panhandle Line was formerly owned by Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail). Pursuant to a transaction approved by the Board, and fully consummated by the parties on June 1, 1999, PRR was assigned assets designated to be operated as part of the NS rail system (the PRR-Allocated Assets). See *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*, STB Finance Docket No. 33888, Decision No. 89 (STB served July 23, 1998).

⁴ According to the notice, the lease agreement further provides that, after five years, WCLL has an option to purchase the Panhandle Line for an amount determined in accordance with provisions of the agreement.

⁵ Pending a Board decision granting WCTC's petition for exemption to control WCLL, the stock of WCLL will be placed in an independent voting trust established in accordance with 49 CFR 1013.

Gilbert, 6250 North River Road, Suite 9000, Rosemont, IL 60018.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

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

Decided: November 2, 1999.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Engraving and Printing

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 Engraving and Printing within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Public Tour Survey Card.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 14, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Pamela V. Grayson, 14th & C Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20228, (202) 874-2212.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Lorraine Robinson, 14th & C Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20228, (202) 874-2532.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Survey Card.

OMB Number: 1520-0005.

Form Number: BEP 1883.

Abstract: The Bureau of Engraving and Printing solicit voluntary feedback from the public regarding the quality of our public tour, exhibits, and displays.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

¹ WCLL states that its 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.

² Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL), a WCLL affiliate, operates pursuant to overhead trackage rights on the Altenheim Subdivision that will connect with the north end of the Panhandle Line.