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Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.73.

Issued on: May 2, 2001.

Brian M. McLaughlin,

Acting Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34035]

The Central Illinois Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Rail Lines of Union Pacific Railroad Company and Canadian Pacific Rail System at Elk Grove Village, Cook and DuPage Counties, IL

The Central Illinois Railroad Company (CIRY), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire by lease and operate rail lines owned by the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and the Canadian Pacific Rail System (CP). CIRY describes the track in greater detail as follows: the Centex Industrial Park Trackage owned by UP, or jointly by UP and CP, beginning at the west edge of York Road, which is the west end of UP's approximately 800-foot Elk Grove lead track that extends from UP's Milwaukee Subdivision, at milepost 7.8, consisting of approximately 25 miles of tracks.¹

¹ On April 25, 2001, a petition to stay the effective date of the exemption was filed by Joseph C. Szabo, for and on behalf of United Transportation Union-Illinois Legislative Board. The petition for stay was denied in *The Central Illinois Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Rail Lines of Union Pacific Railroad Company and Canadian Pacific Rail System at Elk Grove Village, Cook and DuPage Counties, IL*, STB Finance Docket No. 34035 (STB served Apr. 27, 2001).

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated no earlier than April 30, 2001, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding 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. 34035, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas F. McFarland, Jr., Esq., McFarland & Herman, 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1330, Chicago, IL 60606-2902.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: May 1, 2001.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0144]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed on the residential loan application.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed

collection of information should be received on or before July 6, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or irmnkess@vba.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0144" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: HUD/VA Addendum to Uniform Residential Loan Application, VA Form 26-1802a, and Freddie Mac 65/Fannie Mae Form 1003, Uniform Residential Loan Application.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0144.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26-1802a serves as a joint loan application for both VA and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Lenders and veterans use the form to apply for guaranty of home loans.

Affected Public: Individuals or households and Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 20,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 6 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200,000.

Dated: March 30, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

Barbara H. Epps,

*Management Analyst, Information
Management Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0383]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits
Administration, Department of Veterans
Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to apply for Educational Assistance Test Program benefits.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before July 6, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0383" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4)

ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Application for Educational Assistance Test Program Benefits, VA Form 22-8889.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0383.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Veterans and servicepersons pursuing approved programs of education under the Educational Assistance Test Program (EATP) use VA Form 22-8889 to apply for educational assistance. The information collected is used to determine eligibility for and entitlement to EATP benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 6 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Generally one time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12.

Dated: March 30, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

Barbara H. Epps,

*Management Analyst, Information
Management Service.*

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