

Consummation of the transaction was scheduled to take place on or soon after November 7, 2003, the effective date of the exemption.

The notice is filed under 49 CFR 1150.41. 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. 34431, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Keith G. O'Brien, 1707 L Street, NW., Suite 570, Washington, DC 20036.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: November 19, 2003.

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. 34349]

Wallowa-Union Railroad Authority-Acquisition and Operation Exemption-Wallowa County, OR, and Idaho Northern & Pacific Railroad Company

Wallowa-Union Railroad Authority (Authority), a noncarrier, has filed a notice of exemption, as supplemented by letter dated October 29, 2003, under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate a 62.58-mile line of railroad extending between milepost 21.0 at or near Elgin and milepost 83.58 at or near Joseph, in Wallowa and Union Counties, OR. The subject line of railroad is owned by Wallowa County, OR (County), and operated by Idaho Northern & Pacific Railroad Company (INPR). Under the proposed transaction, Authority would acquire INPR's right to operate over the line and County's ownership interest in the line.¹ Authority certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction do not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail

¹ See *Wallowa County, Oregon-Acquisition and Operation Exemption-Rail Line of Idaho Northern & Pacific Railroad Company Between Elgin and Joseph, OR*, STB Finance Docket No. 34214 (STB served June 17, 2002).

carrier, and that such revenues will not exceed \$5 million annually.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after November 5, 2003 (7 days after the exemption was filed).

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. 34349, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604-1112.

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Decided: November 19, 2003.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: Continental Heritage Insurance Company

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is Supplement No. 4 to the Treasury Department Circular 570; 2003 Revision, published July 1, 2003, at 68 FR 39186.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Certificate of Authority as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds is hereby issued to the following Company under 31 U.S.C. 9304 to 9308. Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570, 2003 Revision, on page 39196 to reflect this addition:

Company Name: Continental Heritage Insurance Company.

Business Address: PO Box 163340, Columbus Ohio 43216-3340. *Phone:* (614) 895-2000. *Underwriting Limitation b/:* \$564,000. *Surety Licenses c/:* CA, FL, ID, IL, MD, NV, ND, OH, TN, TX, UT. *Incorporated in:* Ohio.

Certificates of Authority expire on June 30 each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (31 CFR part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1 in Treasury Department Circular 570, with details as to underwriting limitations, areas in which licensed to transact business and other information.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570>. A hard copy may be purchased from the Government Printing Office (GPO) Subscription Service, Washington, DC, Telephone (202) 512-1800. When ordering the Circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 769-004-04643-2.

Questions concerning this Notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6F07, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Dated: November 14, 2003.

Wanda J. Rogers,

Director, Financial Division, Financial Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[IA-57-94]

Proposed Collection: Comment Request for Regulation Project; Correction

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Correction to notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to a notice and request for comments, which was published in the **Federal Register** on Monday September 22, 2003 (68 FR 55101). This notice relates to a comment request 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)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allan Hopkins, (202) 622-6665 (not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This notice and request for comments that is the subject of the correction is

required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

Need for Correction

As published, the comment request for Regulation Project (IA-57-94) contains an error which may prove to be misleading and is in need of clarification.

Correction of Publication

Accordingly, the publication of the comment request for Regulation Project, (IA-57-94), which was the subject of FR Doc. 03-24137, is corrected as follows:

On page 55101, column 2, under the caption **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**, line 2, the language "OMB Number: 1545-14499" is corrected to read "OMB Number: 1545-1449".

Cynthia E. Grigsby,

Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Legal Processing Division, Associate Chief Counsel (Procedure and Administration).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Art Advisory Panel—Notice of Closed Meeting

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting of Art Advisory Panel.

SUMMARY: Closed meeting of the Art Advisory Panel will be held in Washington, DC.

DATES: The meeting will be held December 17, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The closed meeting of the Art Advisory Panel will be held on

December 17, 2003, in Room 4200E beginning at 10:30 a.m., Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Carolan, C:AP:AS, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. Telephone (202) 694-1861 (not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), that a closed meeting of the Art Advisory Panel will be held on December 17, 2003, in Room 4200E beginning at 10:30 a.m., Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

The agenda will consist of the review and evaluation of the acceptability of fair market value appraisals of works of art involved in Federal income, estate, or gift tax returns. This will involve the discussion of material in individual tax returns made confidential by the provisions of 26 U.S.C. 6103.

A determination as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act has been made that this meeting is concerned with matters listed in section 552b(c)(3), (4), (6), and (7), and that the meeting will not be open to the public.

Dated:

David B. Robison,
Chief, Appeals.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Poverty Threshold

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hereby gives notice of the weighted average poverty threshold established for 2002 for one person (unrelated individual) as established by the Bureau of the Census. The amount is \$9,183.

DATES: For VA determinations, the 2002 poverty threshold is effective October 14, 2003, the date on which it was established by the Bureau of the Census.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Trowbridge, Consultant, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-7218.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We published a final rule amending 38 CFR 4.16(a) in the **Federal Register** of August 3, 1990, 55 FR 31579. The amendment provided that marginal employment generally shall be deemed to exist when a veteran's earned annual income does not exceed the amount established by the Bureau of the Census as the poverty threshold for one person. The provisions of 38 CFR 4.16(a) use the poverty threshold as a standard in defining marginal employment when considering total disability ratings for compensation based on unemployability of an individual. We stated we would publish subsequent poverty threshold figures as notices in the **Federal Register**.

The Bureau of the Census recently published the weighted average poverty thresholds for 2002. The threshold for one person (unrelated individual) is \$9,183.

Dated: November 19, 2003.

Anthony J. Principi,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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