

subpart F-*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* to discontinue service over approximately 10.0 miles of rail line between mileposts L-0.0 (near Trade Street in Winston-Salem) and L-10.0 (near the intersection of Hampton Road and Idols Road in Clemmons), in Forsyth County, N.C. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 27012, 27101, 27103, 27104, 27105, and 27127.

NSR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication) and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.<sup>1</sup>

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will become effective on November 19, 2011, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA for continued rail service under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> must be filed by October 31, 2011.<sup>3</sup> Petitions to reopen must be filed by November 9, 2011, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to NSR's representative: Robert A. Wimbish, 2401

Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

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

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

Decided: October 17, 2011.

By the Board.

**Rachel D. Campbell,**  
*Director, Office of Proceedings.*

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Appointment of Members of the Legal Division to the Performance Review Board, Internal Revenue Service

Under the authority granted to me as Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service by the General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury by General Counsel Directive 15, pursuant to the Civil Service Reform Act, I have appointed the following persons to the Legal Division Performance Review Board, Internal Revenue Service Panel:

1. Chairperson, Christopher Sterner, Deputy Chief Counsel (Operations).
2. Drita Tonuzi, Deputy Division Counsel (Large Business and International).
3. Frances F. Regan, Area Counsel (Small Business/Self Employed).
4. Mark S. Kaizen, Associate Chief Counsel (General Legal Services).
5. Steven A. Musher, Associate Chief Counsel (International).

This publication is required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

Dated: October 11, 2011.

**William J. Wilkins,**  
*Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Appointment of Members of the Legal Division to the Performance Review Board, Internal Revenue Service

Under the authority granted to me as Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service by the General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury by General Counsel Directive 15, pursuant to the Civil Service Reform Act, I have appointed the following persons to the Legal Division Performance Review Board, Internal Revenue Service Panel:

1. Christopher Meade, Principal Deputy General Counsel (Department of Treasury).

2. Faris R. Fink, Commissioner (Small Business/Self Employed).

3. Joseph H. Grant, Deputy Commissioner (Tax Exempt and Government Entities).

This publication is required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

Dated: October 11, 2011.

**William J. Wilkins,**  
*Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 4029

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**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 IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 4029, Application for Exemption from Social Security and Medicare Taxes and Waiver of Benefits.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 19, 2011 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Yvette B. Lawrence, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Elaine Christophe at Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3179, or through the Internet at [Elaine.H.Christophe@irs.gov](mailto:Elaine.H.Christophe@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Application for Exemption from Social Security and Medicare Taxes and Waiver of Benefits.

**OMB Number:** 1545-0064.

**Form Number:** 4029.

**Abstract:** Form 4029 is used by members of recognized religious groups

<sup>1</sup> Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, the proceeding is exempt from the requirements of 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), and 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter).

<sup>2</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,500. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

<sup>3</sup> Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate.

to apply for exemption from social security and Medicare taxes under Internal Revenue Code sections 1402(g) and 3127. The information is used to approve or deny exemption from social security and Medicare taxes.

**Current Actions:** There are no changes being made to the Form 4029 at this time.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 3,754.

**Estimated Time per Respondent:** 1 hour.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 3,792.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

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

Approved: October 5, 2011.

**Yvette B. Lawrence,**  
*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses Task Force

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

**ACTION:** Notice with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) established the Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses Task Force (GWVI-TF) in August 2009 to conduct a comprehensive review of VA's approach to and programs addressing 1990-1991 Gulf War Veterans' illnesses. The second Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses Task Force Draft Written Report is now complete. VA is inviting public comments on the Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses Task Force Draft Report for Public Comment.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before November 21, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Although VA prefers electronic submission of public

comments through <http://www.regulations.gov>; written comments may be submitted through mail or hand-delivery to the Director, Regulations Management (02REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Room 1068, Washington, DC 20420 or by fax to (202) 273-9026. Please view and/or download the Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses Task Force Draft Report for Public Comment at [http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/Draft\\_2011\\_GWVI-TF\\_Report.pdf](http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/Draft_2011_GWVI-TF_Report.pdf). Please write: "Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses Task Force Draft Written Report or GWVI-TF Report" in the subject line of your letter or e-mail. Copies of all comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Room 1063B, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). Please call (202) 461-4902 for an appointment. Comments may also be viewed online during the comment period, through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.regulations.gov>. You can also submit ideas on improving VA services to Gulf War Veterans at <http://vagulfwartaskforce.uservoice.com/>. Please subscribe to our quarterly Gulf War Veterans Newsletter by including your e-mail address with your comment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Kent, GWVI-TF Secretary, OSVA, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 461-4814.

Approved: October 14, 2011.

**John R. Gingrich,**  
*Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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