

repair business are complying with the terms of the exemption, which include a requirement that the dealers and repair businesses accept only fully completed forms. Finally, submission of the completed forms to the agency will promote honesty and accuracy in the filling out of the forms by vehicle owners. The air bag on-off switches are installed only in vehicles in which the risk of harm needs to be minimized on a case-by-case basis.

Affected Public: Private individuals, fleet owners and lessees, motor vehicle dealers, repair business.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 7,500 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A Comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on October 30, 2000.

Herman L. Simms,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33946]

State of Texas Acting by and Through the Texas Department of Transportation—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—South Orient Railroad Company, Ltd.

The State of Texas acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), a noncarrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from South Orient Railroad Company, Ltd. (SORC) and to operate approximately 370.5 miles of rail line in Brewster, Coleman,

Crane, Crockett, Irion, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Runnels, Tom Green and Upton Counties, TX. TxDOT would acquire from SORC the right to operate¹ between milepost 1029.1 on the International Bridge near Presidio, TX, and milepost 956.7, at Paisano Junction, and between milepost 945.3, at Alpine, TX, and milepost 0+330 feet, near San Angelo Junction on the east, and Lampasas Subdivision milepost 373+4362 feet, near San Angelo Junction on the west. TxDOT already owns the underlying right-of-way and it would acquire ownership of the track and track materials from the South Orient Rural Rail Transportation District.² In connection with its operation of these lines, Pacifico would also acquire the right to operate, by assignment of SORC's trackage rights, over a line of the Union Pacific Railroad Company extending between milepost 956.7 at Paisano Junction and milepost 945.3, at Alpine Junction. The operations by Pacifico would thus extend over approximately 381.9 miles. TxDOT states that it will retain the residual common carrier obligation with respect to the lines it owns. TxDOT states that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those of a Class III rail carrier.³

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or after October 17, 2000.

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. 33946, 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 each pleading must be served on Richard H.

¹ TxDOT states that it is in the final stages of negotiating a lease and operating agreement with Texas Pacific Transportation, Ltd. (Pacifico), whereby Pacifico will conduct freight operations over the above-described rail lines.

² See *South Orient Railroad Company, Ltd.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Line of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company*, Finance Docket No. 31971 (ICC served Sept. 3, 1992).

³ On February 18, 2000, Pacifico filed a verified notice of exemption to acquire and operate the above-described rail line from SORC. See *Texas Pacific Transportation, Ltd.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—South Orient Railroad Company, Ltd.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33851 (STB served Mar. 3, 2000). It appears that the transaction was never consummated and that the acquisitions and operations described in the present notice would substitute for those anticipated by the filing in STB Finance Docket No. 33851.

Streeter, Barnes & Thornburg, 1401 Eye Street, NW., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005.

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

Decided: October 25, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; 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 comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Today, the Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury solicits comments on the following information collections: 1550-0005, "De Novo Applications"; 1550-0015, "Savings Associations Holding Company Applications"; and 1550-0037 "Fiduciary Powers Applications".

DATES: Submit written comments on or before January 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES:

Mail: Send comments to Manager, Dissemination Branch, Information Management and Services Division, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, Attention 1550-0005, 1550-0015, 1550-0037.

Delivery: Hand deliver comments to the Guard's Desk, East Lobby Entrance, 1700 G Street, NW., from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on business days, Attention 1550-0005, 1550-0015, 1550-0037.

Facsimiles: Send facsimile transmissions to FAX Number (202) 906-7755, Attention 1550-0005, 1550-0015, 1550-0037; or (202) 906-6956 (if comments are over 25 pages).

E-Mail: Send e-mails to "public.info@ots.treas.gov", Attention 1550-0005, 1550-0015, 1550-0037, and include your name and telephone number.

Public Inspection: Interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reference Room, 1700 G St. N.W., from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays or obtain comments and/or an index of comments by facsimile by telephoning the Public Reference Room at (202) 906-5900 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on business days. Comments and the related index will also be posted on the OTS Internet Site at "www.OTS.treas.gov".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia D. Goings, Supervision, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 906-5668.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: De Novo Applications; Savings Associations Holding Company Applications; Fiduciary Powers Applications.

OMB Number: 1550-0005, 1550-0015, 1550-0037.

Form Number: OTS Forms 138/138E/138-F, Form H-(e), Form 1240.

Abstract: To obtain information necessary to determine whether an entity meets the statutory requirements to approve the application request.

Current Actions: OTS proposes to renew this information collection with revision.

Type of Review: Revision of currently approved collections.

Affected Public: Business or For Profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 80.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 594 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25,290 hours.

Request for Comments: The OTS will summarize comments submitted in response to this notice or will include these comments in its request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The OTS invites comment 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; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or starting costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: October 27, 2000.

John E. Werner,

Director, Information & Management Services Division.

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INSTITUTE OF PEACE

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: United States Institute of Peace.

Date/Time: Thursday, November 16, 2000, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Location: 1200 17th Street, NW, Suite 200—Conference Room, Washington, DC 20036.

Status: Open Session—Portions may be closed pursuant to Subsection (c) of Section 552(b) of Title 5, United States Code, as provided in subsection 1706(h)(3) of the United States Institute of Peace Act, Public Law 98-525.

Agenda: November 2000 Board Meeting; Approval of Minutes of the Ninety-Sixth Meeting (September 14, 2000) of the Board of Directors; Chairman's Report; President's Report; Committee Reports; Other General Issues.

Contact: Dr. Sheryl Brown, Director, Office of Communications, Telephone: (202) 457-1700.

Dated: October 30, 2000.

Charles E. Nelson,

Vice President for Management and Finance, United States Institute of Peace.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0090]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 4, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8135 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0090."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Voluntary Service, VA Form 10-7055.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0090.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: VA Form 10-7055 is used to assist personnel in selection, screening, and placement of volunteers in the nationwide VA Voluntary Service Program.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on June 22, 1999 at page 33344.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden: 7,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30,000.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0090" in any correspondence.

Dated: September 25, 2000.

By direction of the Acting Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0569]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995