

Pacific has created an independent voting trust to acquire and hold the Cape shares, and to provide for control of Mass Coastal, until Board approval is received through the notice of exemption procedure.²

Through Permian, Iowa Pacific currently controls indirectly the following seven Class III rail carriers in the United States: Austin & Northwestern Railroad Company, Inc. (operating as the Texas-New Mexico Railroad), Chicago Terminal Railroad, Mount Hood Railroad, San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad, Saratoga & North Creek Railway, the West Texas & Lubbock Railway Company, and the Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay Railway Company. In addition, Iowa Pacific directly controls the Rusk, Palestine & Pacific Railroad. Cape currently owns Mass Coastal and Cape Cod Central Railroad (Cape Cod), an intrastate passenger excursion railroad.

Mass Coastal operates a network of about 100 miles of track and trackage rights in southeastern Massachusetts and on Cape Cod. Applicants state that the purpose of the transaction is to improve the revenue base of Cape's two subsidiaries, Mass Coastal and Cape Cod, through access to Iowa Pacific's greater freight and passenger marketing resources, and to achieve economies of scale through centralization of administrative functions.

Applicants state that they propose to consummate the transaction on or about November 12, 2012. The earliest this transaction can be consummated is November 11, 2012, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

Applicants represent that: (1) The rail line to be operated by Mass Coastal does not connect with the rail lines of any other carriers controlled by Iowa Pacific through Permian or by Iowa Pacific directly; (2) the transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the rail lines of the carriers; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I rail carrier. The proposed transaction is therefore exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323 pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

² On October 9, 2012, applicants submitted a copy of the voting trust agreement to the Board for an informal, nonbinding opinion asking whether the voting trust would sufficiently insulate the applicants from unauthorized control of Cape and its subsidiaries, pending approval or exemption of the subject transaction by the Board. In a letter dated October 12, 2012, the Director of the Office of Proceedings informed the applicants that it is her informal opinion that the proposed voting trust agreement would effectively insulate the applicants from unauthorized control of Cape.

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Accordingly, the Board may not impose labor protective conditions here, because all of the carriers involved are Class III carriers.

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 effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than November 2, 2012 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and ten copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35684, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on John D. Heffner, Strasburger & Price, LLP, 1700 K Street NW., Suite 640, Washington, DC 20006.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "www.stb.dot.gov."

Decided: October 23, 2012.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Derrick A. Gardner,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 23, 2012.

The Department of the Treasury will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, on or after the date of publication of this notice.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before November 26, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestion for reducing the burden, to (1) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for

Treasury, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, or email at OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV and (2) Treasury PRA Clearance Officer, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 8140, Washington, DC 20220, or email at PRA@treasury.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 927-5331, email at PRA@treasury.gov, or the entire information collection request maybe found at www.reginfo.gov.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-NEW.

Type of Review: New collection.

Title: IRS Applicant Contact

Information.

Form: 14145.

Abstract: Form 14145, IRS Applicant Contact Information, is used by the IRS Recruitment Office to collect contact information from individuals who may be interested in working for the IRS now, or at any time in the future (potential applicants).

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 66,085.

Dawn D. Wolfgang,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Request for Comment

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 TD 9002.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 26, 2012] to be assured of consideration.

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