

designed a survey form to collect specific data about damages to railroad equipment. The survey started on August 1 and ended January 31, 2001. A statistical analysis, using the survey data, was done to see if the method could be used to calculate property damages. The report was complete by the last week of April, 2001. A meeting was held May 21–23, 2001 to review the report. The Working Group has agreed to terminate action on this task after reviewing the options. The Working Group is reviewing a draft close-out report for approval by the full RSAC. Contact: Robert Finkelstein (202) 493–6280.

Task 00–1—Determining the need to amend regulations protecting persons who work on, under, or between rolling equipment and persons applying, removing or inspecting rear end marking devices (Blue Signal Protection). A working group has been formed and held its first meeting on October 16–18, 2000. Meetings have been held: February 27–March 1, 2001, March 19–21, 2001, May 1–3, 2001, June 19–21, 2001 and October 23–25, 2001. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 2002. The Working Group has reached tentative consensus on several issues. Contact: Doug Taylor (202) 493–6255.

Task 01–1—Developing conformity of FRA's regulations for accident/incident reporting (49 CFR Part 225) to revised regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor, and to make appropriate revisions to the FRA Guide for Preparing Accident/Incident Reports (Reporting Guide). This task was accepted April 23, 2001, by the full RSAC and assigned to the Accident/Incident Working Group. At a meeting of the Working Group, held May 21–23, 2001, the task was discussed, and four task forces were set up to review changes and/or modifications. To date, these task forces have identified a series of minor modifications to the Reporting Guide/regulations for consideration. A target of September 15, 2001, was set for reporting the recommended changes. The Working Group met September 11, 2001; meeting was dismissed due to national emergency. A meeting was held November 14–15, 2001 in St. Louis, Missouri. A Task Force on Remote Control met on December 11, 2001. The next meeting is scheduled for January 23–24, 2002, in Baltimore, Maryland. Contact: Contact: Robert Finkelstein (202) 493–6280.

Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 11, 1996 (61 FR 9740) for more information about the RSAC.

Issued in Washington, DC on January 11, 2002.

George A. Gavalla,

Associate Administrator for Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. 42052]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Petition for Declaratory Order— Unilaterally Imposed Interchange Charges

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board
Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Request for Notices of Intent to Participate.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (Board) requests that those intending to participate in this phase of this proceeding, in which interested parties will meet to discuss ways to facilitate the interchange of railroad cars, notify the agency and the Association of American Railroads (AAR) of their intent. The Board is also suspending the procedural schedule established in the prior order (served on December 10, 2001).

DATES: We request that those intending to participate notify the Board and AAR by January 28, 2002. We will issue a further order after the notices of intent to participate have been filed, establishing dates by which the first meeting should be conducted and by which AAR should file a progress report.

ADDRESSES: An original and one copy of each party's notice of intent, referring to STB Docket No. 42052, should be sent to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001, ATTN: STB Docket No. 42052.

Two copies should also be sent to Association of American Railroads, 50 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: At the Board, Beryl Gordon, (202) 565–1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1–800–877–8339.] At AAR, John Carroll, (202) 639–2373.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proceeding was instituted by the Board in response to a request for a declaratory order concerning ways in which rail carriers deal with interchange delays. However, because issues regarding interchange delays are often addressed under the framework of the industry-wide Car Service and Car Hire

Agreement (CS/CH Agreement) and Code of Car Service Rules/Code of Car Hire Rules (CS/CH Rules) administered by the AAR, by notice served and published December 10, 2001 (66 FR 63741), the Board concluded that the issues raised could be better addressed in private sector discussions and that the CS/CH Rules must be considered as part of any private sector resolution of the matter that had been brought before the Board. The agency therefore requested that, before a proceeding is moved forward administratively, AAR convene a meeting or series of meetings with railroads, shippers, and other involved parties to discuss ways to address issues concerning delays in the interchange of railroad cars between railroads, and to develop proposals for addressing incidences of traffic delays associated with such interchange. The Board further requested that AAR file a report describing the progress made at the meeting(s) and recommending how best to proceed to resolve these issues.

On December 21, 2001, we received a letter from AAR's General Counsel requesting that we take certain actions to facilitate moving the process forward in the private sector. First, noting that AAR has not been a party to the agency proceeding and that it has not yet been informed of all who may be interested in the matter or what any party's position may be, the letter suggests that we issue a **Federal Register** notice asking interested parties to file notices of intent to participate. To facilitate the conduct of the meeting(s), all parties should file notices of intent to participate, which should provide the name, address, official title, and operational experience of the person who will participate on behalf of the party, along with a brief (not more than one page) summary of the party's position and preliminary recommendations.

Given the interest that we expressed in our prior order for a practical solution based on good faith cooperation among all railroads, AAR's letter further suggests that we encourage participation by persons with expertise in rail operations/interchange issues, rather than by the party's counsel. We agree that the discussions we envisioned in our prior order would focus on operational cooperation rather than legal issues, and that the meeting(s) can be most fruitful if operational solutions are pursued. Thus, we strongly encourage participation by individuals with operational backgrounds.

AAR's letter also suggests that, given the current uncertainty as to the scope of the problem or the number of parties

wishing to participate, the Board consider extending the time for holding the meeting beyond February 8, 2002. We agree. We will suspend the current procedural schedule, and adopt a new schedule after notices of intent to participate are filed.

Finally, AAR's letter expresses concern over potential antitrust exposure in the event that any proposals relating to the interchange issues under consideration could involve collective discussion of prices, rates, or tariffs. We do not want to prejudice or limit the type of permissible dialogue in a way that could undercut resolution of the matters at issue, but our purpose in asking the parties to attempt to resolve this matter in the private sector has been to make the interchange process work better, not to provide a forum for parties to collectively discuss specific rates for specific situations. Thus, in our view, if discussion of rate matters takes place, it should be of a general nature. Such general conversations—particularly given that they would be undertaken pursuant to our request—would not in our view subject the participants to antitrust exposure. And as long as any such conversations that may implicate rates are kept to a general nature, they should not undercut what we hope could be a favorable outcome here, which is the development of a framework in which parties can conduct bilateral negotiations to work out interchange issues of the sort that precipitated this proceeding. If at any point it becomes evident that antitrust issues are a concern, we will be available to address the situation.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. Interested parties shall file notices of intent to participate, as described above, by January 28, 2002.

2. The procedural schedule established in our prior order is held in abeyance pending further order.

3. This decision is effective on January 17, 2002.

Decided: January 9, 2002.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Burkes.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 9, 2002.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 19, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1423.

Regulation Project Number: PS-106-91 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: State Housing Credit Ceiling and other Rules Relating to the Low-Income Housing Credit.

Description: The regulations provide the order in which credits are allocated from each State's credit ceiling under section 42(h)(3)(C) and the determination of which states qualify for credits from a National Pool and of credits under section 42(h)(3)(D). Allocating agencies need this information to correctly allocate credits and determine National Poole eligibility.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 110.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 2 hours, 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Other (One time per event).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 275 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1624.

Notice Number: Notice 98-52.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Cash or Deferred Arrangements; Nondiscrimination.

Description: Section 1433(a) of the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1966 requires that the Service provide nondiscriminatory safe harbors with respect to section 401(k)(12) and section 401(m)(11) for plan years beginning after December 31, 1998. This notice implements that statutory requirement.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 1 hour, 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 80,000 hours.

Clearance Officer: George Freeland, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5577, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Department Reports Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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Dates: Written comments should be received on or before February 19, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1632.

Regulation Project Number: REG-118662-98 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: New Technologies in Retirement Plans.

Description: These regulations provide that certain notices and consents required in connection with distributions from retirement plans may be transmitted through electronic media. The regulations also modify the timing requirements for provision of certain distribution-related notices.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-