

dockets. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477).

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities: For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, please contact Cheryl Whetsel before January 2.

II. Committee Background

The TPSSC and the THLPSSC are advisory committees mandated by statute to advise PHMSA on proposed safety standards, risk assessments, and safety policies for natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines. These advisory committees are established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1) and the pipeline safety law (49 U.S.C. chap. 601). Each committee consists of 15 members, five each representing government, industry, and the public. The TPSSC and the THLPSSC determine the reasonableness, cost-effectiveness, and practicability of each proposed safety standard. The committees also evaluate the cost-benefit analysis and risk assessment information on each proposal.

III. Preliminary Meeting Schedules

Joint Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committees
Thursday, January 17 (1 p.m. to 5 p.m.)

The TPSSC and THLPSSC will meet to introduce new members and to discuss their roles and responsibilities. They will also discuss PHMSA's 2008 regulatory agenda and plans to carry out the DOT and PHMSA strategic plans.

Special Permit Consideration and Criteria Discussion for 7-Year Reassessments Friday, January 18 (8 a.m.-12 p.m.)

Integrity management regulations applicable to gas transmission pipelines required all operators to do a baseline assessment of pipelines. PHMSA will hold a public workshop to gather comments on the use of a special permit to allow certain transmission pipeline operators to tailor reassessment intervals, based on pipe specific threats, instead of using the 7-year mandatory reassessment required now. PHMSA will ask for feedback on criteria developed for these special permits.

PHMSA will post more detailed agendas and any additional information or changes on its Web page (<http://phmsa.dot.gov>) approximately 15 days before the meeting date.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 60102, 60115; 60118.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 14, 2007.

Jeffrey D. Wiese,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 385 (Sub-No. 6)]

Waybill Sample

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Clarification.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board provides notice that all railroads required to submit a waybill sample under 49 CFR part 1244 shall report fuel surcharge revenues in the waybill field "Freight Revenue," columns 83-91 in the waybill file record layout.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This notice is effective on January 1, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mac Frampton, (202) 245-0317 or mac.frampton@stb.dot.gov. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A carload waybill, which is a document describing the characteristics of an individual rail shipment, identifies originating and terminating freight stations, the names of all railroads participating in the movement, the points of all railroad interchanges, the number of cars, the car types, movement weight in hundredweight, the commodity, and the freight revenue. Under 49 CFR part 1244, a railroad is required to file carload waybill sample information (Waybill Sample) for all line-haul revenue waybills terminating on its lines if, in any of the three preceding years, it terminated 4500 or more carloads, or it terminated at least 5% of the total revenue carloads that terminate in a particular state.

The Waybill Sample is the Board's primary source of information about freight rail shipments terminated in the United States. Of particular importance, the Board relies on the data in the Freight Revenue field to compute its "Revenue Shortfall Allocation Method" (RSAM) benchmarks.

For the most part, carriers are already reporting revenue derived from fuel surcharges within the Freight Revenue field. However, a few carriers are using the "Miscellaneous Charges" field to report fuel surcharge revenue. This notice clarifies that all reporting carriers

should report their fuel surcharge revenues in the Freight Revenue field. This clarification will provide for uniformity in the reporting of fuel surcharge revenue in the Waybill Sample and therefore improve the accuracy and utility of the Board's RSAM calculations.

To purchase a copy of this decision, write to, e-mail or call: ASAP Document Solutions, 9332 Annapolis Rd., Suite 103, Lanham, MD 20706; e-mail asapdc@verizon.net; telephone (202) 306-4004. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS at 1-800-877-8339.]

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

Decided: December 12, 2007.

By the Board, Chairman Nottingham, Vice Chairman Buttrey, and Commissioner Mulvey.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35108]

Permian Basin Railways, Inc.— Acquisition of Control Exemption— Mount Hood Railroad

Permian Basin Railways, Inc. (PBR) has filed a verified notice of exemption to permit PBR to acquire control of the Mount Hood Railroad (MHRR) by purchasing 100% of the outstanding stock of MHRR.¹

PBR is a noncarrier holding company, and a wholly owned subsidiary of Iowa Pacific Holdings, also a noncarrier. PBR owns the following Class III rail carriers: Texas-New Mexico Railroad, West Texas & Lubbock Railway, Arizona Eastern Railway, San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad, and the Chicago Terminal Railway.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or about December 31, 2007, but consummation can lawfully occur no earlier than January 2, 2008, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the exemption was filed).

Applicant states that: (i) The rail lines involved in this transaction do not connect with any rail lines now controlled, directly or indirectly, by

¹ A copy of a draft Agreement for Sale of Stock, as required by 49 CFR 1180.6(a)(7)(ii), was filed under seal along with a motion for protective order. The motion is being addressed in a separate decision.

PBR; (ii) this transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect any of these rail lines with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; and (iii) this transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, this transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

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 sections 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 rail 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 December 26, 2007 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35108, 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, John D. Heffner, PLLC, 1750 K Street, NW., Suite 350, Washington, DC 20006.

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

Decided: December 12, 2007.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Rough Diamonds Reporting Requirement

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, 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 Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning OFAC's requirement to report information about the shipment of rough diamonds.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 19, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Assistant Director, Policy, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Annex—2d Floor, Washington, DC 20220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information about the filings or procedures should be directed to Assistant Director, Policy, Office of Foreign Assets Control, or Chief Counsel (Foreign Assets Control), Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Annex—2d Floor, Washington, DC 20220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Requirement to report information about the shipment of rough diamonds.

OMB Number: 1505-0198.

Abstract: The ultimate consignee of rough diamond shipments, identified on Customs Form 7501 Entry Summary, is required to report specified information about the shipment of rough diamonds imported into the United States to the foreign exporting authority within 15 calendar days of the date that the shipment arrived at a U.S. port of entry pursuant to § 592.301(a)(3) of the Rough Diamonds Control Regulations, 31 CFR Part 592. This collection of information is needed to monitor the integrity of international rough diamond shipments, and the information collected will be used to further the compliance, enforcement, and civil penalty programs of the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury ("OFAC").

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the notice at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business organizations and individuals engaged in the international diamond trade.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250, with an estimated 3,000 total annual responses.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: The estimated average annual burden per respondent is 2 hours, based on an estimated annual frequency of 10 to 15 responses and an estimated time per response of 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 500.

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 Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained for five years.

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 has 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: December 11, 2007.

Adam J. Szubin,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Cuban Remittance Affidavit

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, 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