

not been received by USTR and re-submitting the comments via e-mail or fax.

Parties should refer to the original request for comments, published in the **Federal Register** on September 25, 2001, for an explanation of AGOA, the AGOA eligibility requirements, and a list of current beneficiary and non-beneficiary countries. *See*, 66 FR 49059. Submissions via e-mail should be sent to FR0003@ustr.gov; submissions via fax should be sent to (202) 395-4505.

**Carmen Suro-Bredie,**

*Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34047 (Sub-No. 1)]

#### **Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad, Inc.- Trackage Rights Exemption-Central Kansas Railway, L.L.C.**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** The Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, exempts the trackage rights described in STB Finance Docket No. 34047<sup>1</sup> to permit the trackage rights to expire, as they relate to the operations extending near Garden Plains and Wichita, on the date that CKR certifies the completion of a line-relocation project near Kingman, KS, and a line-rehabilitation project between Wichita and Kingman, via Conway Springs, KS.<sup>2</sup>

**DATES:** This exemption is effective on November 8, 2001. Petitions to reopen must be filed by November 28, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34047 (Sub-No. 1) must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In

<sup>1</sup> On May 25, 2001, K&O filed a notice of exemption under the Board's class exemption procedures at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). The notice covered the trackage rights agreement by Central Kansas Railway, L.L.C. (CKR) to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to K&O over CKR track located between CKR milepost 19.5, near Garden Plain, KS, and CKR milepost 3.5, at Wichita, KS, a distance of 16 miles. *See Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad, Inc.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Central Kansas Railway, L.L.C.*, STB Finance Docket No. 34047 (STB served June 12, 2001).

<sup>2</sup> K&O has indicated that it currently expects to have the relocation and rehabilitation projects completed and to cease operating over CKR's line some time in October 2001.

addition, a copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative Karl Morell, Esq., BALL JANI LLP, 1455 F Street, NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 565-1600. (TDD for the hearing impaired: 1 (800) 877-8339.)

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: D 2 D Legal, Suite 405, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 293-7776. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services 1 (800) 877-8339.)

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov).

Decided: November 1, 2001.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Clyburn, and Commissioner Burkes.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0605]

### **Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of General Counsel (OGC), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine applicants' eligibility for accreditation as claims agents.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 7, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to

Martin J. Sendek (022C), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: [martin.sendek@mail.va.gov](mailto:martin.sendek@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0605" in any correspondence.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Martin J. Sendek at (202) 273-6325 or FAX (202) 273-6404.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, OGC invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OGC's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of OGC's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Application for Accreditation as a Claims Agent, VA Form 21a.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0605.

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

*Abstract:* Applicants for accreditation as claims agents to represent benefit claimants before the VA are required to file VA Form 21a with VA Office of General Counsel to establish initial eligibility for accreditation. The information requested includes basic identifying information, information concerning past representation, military service, employment, criminal activity and mental health and is necessary to establish that statutory and regulatory eligibility requirement; e.g., good character and reputation are met. The form further ensures that VA has the information necessary to make decisions concerning an applicant's potential eligibility for accreditation as a claims agent.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 15 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per*

*Respondent:* 45 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20.