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Issued in Washington, DC, on February 4, 2013.

Robert C. Lauby,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Regulatory and Legislative Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 1103X]

Rusk County Rural Rail District— Abandonment Exemption—in Rusk County, TX

On January 18, 2013, the Rusk County Rural Rail District (RCRRD) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a 0.9-mile portion of its Henderson-Overton Branch Spur, between milepost 15.2 and milepost 16.1, in Rusk County, TX (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 75652. There are no stations on the Line.

RCRRD states that, based on information in its possession, the Line contains no federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in RCRRD's possession will be made available to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued no later than May 8, 2013.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than May 18, 2013, or 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption, whichever occurs sooner. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,600 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following the abandonment of rail service and salvage of the Line, the Line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than February 27, 2013. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$250 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to Docket No. AB 1103X and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) C. Brian Cassidy and Lori Fixley Winland, Locke Lord LLP, 100 Congress Avenue, Suite 300, Austin, TX 78701. Replies to

the petition are due on or before February 27, 2013.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs and Compliance at (202) 245-0238 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) at (202) 245-0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by OEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who comment during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact OEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). It is anticipated that the EA (or EIS) in this proceeding will be made available on or about February 12, 2013, and that comments will be due on or about March 4, 2013.

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

Decided: February 4, 2013.

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

Derrick A. Gardner,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW]

Proposed Information Collection (Conduct the Point-of-Care Research Questionnaire) Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) 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 new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the

notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to develop and implement a new research protocol in the VA.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 8, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov; or to Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Veterans Health Administration (10P7BFP), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420; or email: cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–NEW (Conduct the Point-of-Care Research Questionnaire)” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Harvey-Pryor (202) 461–5870 or FAX (202) 273–9381.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from 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, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA’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: Conduct the Point-of-Care Research Questionnaire, VA Form 10–0557.

OMB Control Number: 2900–NEW (Conduct the Point-of-Care Research Questionnaire).

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: The data collected on VA Form 10–0557 will be used as a grant to evaluate patient and provider attitudes and willingness to participate in Point-

of-Care Research (POC–R). POC–R is an intermediary approach to bridge the gap between clinical trials and observation studies. The POC–R provides a potential mechanism for improving the breadth and significance of clinical research programs in VA. The objectives of this study are twofold: (1) identify the barriers and facilitators to adoption of a Point-of-care research innovation program by assessing the perceptions and attitudes of patients; and (2) produce guidelines for VHA regarding implementation of POC–R.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,000.

Dated: February 1, 2013.

By direction of the Secretary.

William F. Russo,

Deputy Director, Office of Regulations Policy and Management, Office of General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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