

By the Board, Mai T. Dinh, Director, Office of Proceedings.  
**Stefan Rice,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*  
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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. WB 23-54]

**Release of Waybill Data**

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Washington State University (WB23-54-10/9/23) for permission to use data from the Board’s annual 2000–2021 unmasked Carload Waybill Sample. A copy of this request may be obtained from the Board’s website under docket no. WB23-54.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board’s Office of Economics within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

Contact: Alexander Dusenberry, (202) 245-0319.

**Eden Besera,**  
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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**30-Day Notice of Intent To Seek Extension of Approval of Collection: Statutory Licensing Authority**

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.  
**SUMMARY:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) gives notice of its intent to seek approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an extension of approval for the information collection required from those seeking statutory licensing authority, as described below.

**DATES:** Comments on this information collection should be submitted by November 17, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be identified as “Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Surface Transportation Board, Statutory Licensing Authority.” Written comments for the proposed information collection should be submitted via [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). This information collection can be accessed by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. As an alternative, written comments may be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Michael J. McManus, Surface Transportation Board Desk Officer: via email at [aira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:aira_submission@omb.eop.gov); by fax at (202) 395-1743; or by mail to Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Please also direct all comments to Chris Oehrle, PRA Officer, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001, or to [PRA@stb.gov](mailto:PRA@stb.gov). When submitting comments, please refer to “Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Surface Transportation Board: Statutory Licensing Authority.” For further information regarding this collection, contact Michael Higgins, Deputy Director, Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, at (202) 245-0284 or [michael.higgins@stb.gov](mailto:michael.higgins@stb.gov). If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board previously published a notice about this collection in the *Federal Register* (88 FR 52237 (August 7, 2023)). That notice allowed for a 60-day public review and comment period. No comments were received.

*Comments are requested concerning:* (1) the accuracy of the Board’s burden estimates; (2) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (3) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of

information technology, when appropriate; and (4) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility. Submitted comments will be summarized and included in the Board’s request for OMB approval.

**Description of Collection**

*Title:* Statutory Licensing Authority.  
*OMB Control Number:* 2140-0023.  
*STB Form Number:* None.  
*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Respondents:* Rail carriers and non-carriers seeking statutory licensing or consolidation authority, an exemption from filing an application for such authority, or interchange commitments.  
*Number of Respondents:* 85.  
*Estimated Time per Response:*

**ESTIMATED HOURS PER RESPONSE**

Type of filing	Number of hours per response under 49 U.S.C. 10901-03 and 11323-26
Applications .....	575
Petitions * .....	75
Notices * .....	25
Interchange commitments ....	10

*Frequency:* On occasion.

**AVERAGE ANNUAL NUMBER OF RESPONSES FOR FY 2020-2022**

Type of filing	Average number of filings per year under 49 U.S.C. 10901-03 and 11323-26
Applications .....	7
Petitions * .....	15
Notices * .....	88
Interchange commitments ....	5

*Total Burden Hours* (annually including all respondents): 7,300 hours (sum of estimated hours per response x number of responses for each type of filing).

**TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS**

Type of filing	Hours per response	Annual number of filings	Total annual burden hours
Applications .....	575	7	4,025
Petitions * .....	75	15	1,125
Notices * .....	25	88	2,200