

mail at U.S. DOT, PHMSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., PHP-30, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration 811 Awareness Survey.

OMB Control Number: Pending.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Abstract: PHMSA is conducting a survey of awareness of 811 as the national "Call Before You Dig" toll-free telephone number, the importance of calling 811 before beginning an excavation project and the extent to which the newly-released PHMSA PSA is effective in raising awareness about this topic. This data is necessary to measure the effectiveness of the PSA campaign and plan future educational and outreach efforts.

Affected Public: All.

Estimated number of responses: 1,000.

Estimated annual burden hours: 120.

Frequency of collection: One time collection.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of the date of this notice's publication in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 18, 2012.

Jeffrey D. Wiese,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2007-0039]

Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permit

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA); DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal pipeline safety laws, and PHMSA's special permit procedures, PHMSA is publishing this notice of special permit request we have received from a pipeline operator seeking relief from compliance with certain requirements in the Federal pipeline safety regulations. This notice seeks public comments on this request, including comments on any safety or environmental impacts. At the conclusion of the 30-day comment period, PHMSA will evaluate the request and determine whether to grant or deny a special permit.

DATES: Submit any comments regarding this special permit request by October 22, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments should reference the docket number for the specific special permit request and may be submitted in the following ways:

- *E-Gov Web Site:* <http://www.Regulations.gov>

This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: You should identify the docket number for the special permit request you are commenting on at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, please submit two copies. To receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, please include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

Note: Comments are posted without changes or edits to <http://www.Regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. There is a privacy statement published on <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

General: Kay McIver by telephone at 202-366-0113, or email at kay.mciver@dot.gov.

Technical: Patrick Landon by telephone at 202-366-3814, or email at Patrick.Landon@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PHMSA has received a request for special permit from a pipeline operator seeking relief from compliance with certain pipeline safety regulations. The request includes a technical analysis provided by the operator. The request has been filed at www.Regulations.gov and assigned a separate docket number. We invite interested persons to participate by reviewing this special permit request at <http://www.Regulations.gov>, and by submitting written comments, data or other views. Please include comments on potential environmental impacts that may result if this special permit is granted.

Before acting on this special permit request, PHMSA will evaluate all comments received on or before the comments closing date. Comments will be evaluated after this date if it is possible to do so without incurring additional expense or delay. PHMSA will consider each relevant comment we receive in making our decision to grant or deny a request.

PHMSA has received the following special permit requests:

Docket No.	Requester	Regulation(s)	Nature of special permit
PHMSA-2007-0039	Boardwalk—Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP ("Gulf South").	49 CFR 192.611 ...	To authorize Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP (Gulf South) a 135-foot extension of an existing Special Permit Segment of the TPL 880 pipeline located in Mobile County, Alabama. The existing Special Permit Segment is defined in the original Special Permit (PHMSA-2007-0039, granted on February 27, 2009) using the Gulf South TPL-880 pipeline survey station references as follows: Station Number 699+77 to Station Number 700+23 (46 feet).

Docket No.	Requester	Regulation(s)	Nature of special permit
			The contiguous segment that Gulf South is requesting to add to the Special Permit segment is located at Station 700+23 to Station 701+58. With the addition of this segment, the extended Special Permit Segment would be defined as follows: Station Number 699+77 to Station Number 701+58 (181 feet). The Special Permit Inspection Area, as defined by the existing Special Permit extends from Station 0+00, the start of the TPL 880 Line, to Station 1201+68 at the Airport Compressor Station. The Inspection Area is approximately 23 miles long and is entirely in Mobile County, Alabama. TPL-880 is a 24-mile steel pipeline lateral transporting natural gas from a point onshore of the Gulf of Mexico to other pipelines located in Alabama. The 30-inch diameter pipeline was installed in 1992. The 135-foot extension is located in a high consequence area (HCA), calculated by Method 2, and caused by 20+ dwellings adjacent to the pipeline.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 60118(c)(1) and 49 CFR 1.53.

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Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35656]

Progressive Rail Incorporated— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Rail Lines of Crab Orchard & Egyptian Railroad Company

Progressive Rail Incorporated (PGR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from Crab Orchard & Egyptian Railroad Company (COER) and to operate 12.23 miles of COER's rail lines in Williamson County, Ill.¹ The rail lines are: (1) COER's Marion District between milepost 99.47 at or near Ordill and milepost 108.00 at or near Marion, a distance of 8.53 miles; (2) COER's Herrin District between milepost No. 10.7 and milepost 13.4, a distance of 2.7 miles; and (3) north from the wye track between milepost No. C94 and milepost C93, a distance of 1.0 mile.

PGR certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier but that its projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million. On Sept. 5, 2012, as part of its initial verified notice of exemption filing, PGR certified that it posted the

notice required by 49 CFR 1150.32(e) at the headquarters of COER at Marion.²

Although PGR indicates that the proposed transaction will be consummated no sooner than the 30 days after the verified notice was filed, under 49 CFR 1150.32(e) this exemption cannot become effective November 4, 2012 (60 days after PGR submitted its certification to the Board).

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 to stay must be filed no later than October 26, 2012 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and ten copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35656, 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 Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604-1112.

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

Decided: September 17, 2012.

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

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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¹ PGR originally filed its notice of exemption on September 5, 2012. On September 6 and September 7, 2012, it amended its notice of exemption. Accordingly, September 7, 2012, will be considered the filing date of the verified notice.

² PGR explains that, because COER employees are not members of a labor union, the notice was not sent to the national office of any labor union.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35673]

ABE Fairmont, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Fillmore Western Railway Company

ABE Fairmont, LLC (ABE), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Fillmore Western Railway Company (FWRC) and operate an approximately 2-mile rail line between a point of connection with BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) at BNSF milepost 1.7 and the north property line of County Road H, at or near Fairmont, Fillmore County, Neb.¹

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or after October 5, 2012 (30 days after the notice of exemption was filed).

ABE certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million.

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 to stay must be filed no later than September 28, 2012 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35673, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW.,

¹ ABE, which operates an ethanol plant adjacent to the line, purchased the line a number of years ago from FWRC for its private purposes under the mistaken belief that the line had been abandoned and was no longer subject to Board jurisdiction. By this notice, ABE seeks Board authorization for its acquisition and operation of what it has recently learned is an active rail line.