

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Maritime Administration****[Docket No. MARAD 2013 -0087]****Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations**

ACTION: Notice of intention to request extension of OMB approval and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intention to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before September 30, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rodney McFadden, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-0029; or email: rod.mcfadden@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title of Collection: Information to Determine Seamen's Re-employment Rights—National Emergency.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0526.

Form Numbers: None.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

Summary of Collection of Information: This collection is needed in order to implement provisions of the Maritime Security Act of 1996. These provisions grant re-employment rights and other benefits to certain merchant seamen serving aboard vessels used by the United States during times of national emergencies. The Maritime Security Act of 1996 establishes the procedures for obtaining the necessary MARAD certification for re-employment rights and other benefits.

Need and Use of the Information: MARAD will use the information to determine if U.S. civilian mariners are eligible for re-employment rights under the Maritime Security Act of 1996.

Description of Respondents: U.S. merchant seamen who have completed designated national service during a time of maritime mobilization need and are seeking re-employment with a prior employer.

Annual Responses: 10 responses.

Annual Burden: 10 hours.

Comments: Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the

top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Comments also may be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT (or EST), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Authority: 49 CFR 1.93.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: July 23, 2013.

Julie P. Agarwal,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 326X); Docket No. AB 1093X]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Henry County, Ind.; C&NC Railroad Corporation—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Henry County, IN.

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) and C&NC Railroad Corporation (CNUR) (collectively, applicants) have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption¹ under 49 CFR pt. 1152

¹ Applicants initially filed the notice of exemption on April 26, 2013. By letter filed on June 14, 2013, applicants requested that the proceedings be held in abeyance, and, on the same date, the Board granted applicants' request. On July 11, 2013,

subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* for NSR to abandon, and for CNUR to discontinue service over, approximately 0.88 miles of non-contiguous rail line segments in New Castle, in Henry County, Ind., as follows: (1) Approximately 0.12 miles of rail line extending between milepost R 0.00 (near Broad Street) and milepost R 0.1205 (near the intersection of S. 16th St. and Indiana Ave.); and (2) approximately 0.76 miles of rail line extending between milepost R 1.1629 (near the intersection of Cherrywood Avenue and M Avenue) and milepost R 1.92 (near the intersection of Cherrywood Avenue and Riley Road).² The line segments traverse United States Postal Service Zip Code 47362.

Applicants have certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line segments for at least two years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the line segments for at least two years, and if there were any overhead traffic, it could be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line segments (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line segments either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(c) (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment or discontinuance shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, these exemptions will be effective on August 30, 2013, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do

applicants submitted an amended notice of exemption.

² According to applicants, the line segments are part of the same rail line but are separated by an approximately 1.04-mile middle line segment, which will not be abandoned and which will continue to connect with other rail lines.