

In addition, proposals have spanned a broad range of topics from a wide spectrum of Members, both those that are frequent users of the dispute settlement system and those who have less experience with it. Proposals have been submitted on almost every phase of the dispute settlement process. For example, in addition to the U.S. proposals, a number of proposals have been made to require that a compliance panel must first review any measures taken to comply before a complaining party could request authorization to suspend equivalent concessions. Proposals have also been made to provide for a remand from the Appellate Body to a panel where there were insufficient factual findings to allow the Appellate Body to make a legal finding on a claim. Some of the proposals would result in a significant lengthening of the dispute settlement process. Proposals have also included ways in which to use time in the process more efficiently. The TPSC would welcome comments on any of the proposals made.

Written Submissions: Comments should state clearly the objective(s) and should contain detailed information supporting the objective(s). Submissions should clearly indicate the general topic (e.g., agriculture, services, non-agricultural market access, etc.). As noted in the sections on services, agriculture and industrial market access, the provision of supplemental technical information would be helpful. This information should be provided in an attachment containing a spreadsheet or table in Microsoft Word, Word Perfect, Excel, Quatro Pro or MS Access.

Persons submitting comments may either send one copy by fax to Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-6143 or transmit a copy electronically to FR0514@USTR.EOP.GOV, with "Doha Work Program" in the subject line. For documents sent by fax, USTR requests that the submitter provide a confirmation copy electronically. The public is strongly encouraged to submit documents electronically rather than by facsimile. USTR encourages the use of Adobe PDF format to submit attachments to an electronic mail. Interested persons who make submissions by electronic mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. Similarly, to the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

Comments should be submitted electronically no later than January 31, 2005.

Business confidential information will be subject to the requirements of 15 CFR 2003.6. Any business confidential material must be clearly marked as such and must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary thereof. A justification as to why the information contained in the submission should be treated confidentially should also be contained in the submission. In addition, any submissions containing business confidential information must clearly be marked "Business Confidential" at the top and bottom of the cover page (or letter) and each succeeding page of the submission. The version that does not contain business confidential information should also be clearly marked at the top and bottom of each page, "Public Version" or "Non-Confidential."

Written comments submitted in connection with this request, except for information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6 will be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room, Office of the United States Trade Representative. An appointment to review the file can be made by calling (202) 395-6186. The Reading Room is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Carmen Suro-Bredie,
Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Ex Parte No. 333]

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., December 13, 2004.

PLACE: The Board's Hearing Room, Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423.

STATUS: The Board will meet to discuss among themselves the following agenda items. Although the conference is open for public observation, no public participation is permitted.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

STB Docket No. AB-556 (Sub-No. 2X), *Railroad Ventures, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—Between Youngstown, OH, and Darlington, PA, in Mahoning and Columbiana Counties, OH, and Beaver County, PA.*

Docket No. 41185, *Arizona Public Service Company & PacifiCorp v. The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company.*

STB Docket No. 42057, *Public Service Company of Colorado D/b/a Xcel Energy v. The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company.*

STB Docket No. 42071, *Otter Tail Power Company v. The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company.*

STB Docket No. WCC-105, *DHX Inc., v. Matson Navigation Company and Sea-Land Service, Inc.*

STB Ex Parte No. 656, *Motor Carrier Bureaus—Periodic Review Proceeding.*

STB Ex Parte No. 558 (Sub-No. 8), *Railroad Cost of Capital—2004.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Dennis Watson, Office of Congressional and Public Services, Telephone: (202) 565-1596; FIRS: 1-800-877-8339.

Dated: December 6, 2004.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34619]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has agreed to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) over BNSF's rail line between BNSF milepost 2.1 near St. Louis, MO (Grand Avenue), and BNSF milepost 34.1 near Pacific, MO, a distance of 32.0 miles.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on December 1, 2004, and the temporary trackage rights are intended to expire on or about February 15, 2005. The purpose of the temporary rights is to facilitate maintenance work on UP lines.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee affected by the acquisition of the temporary trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980), and, any employee affected by the discontinuance of those trackage rights will be protected by the conditions set out in *Oregon Short Line*

R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8). If it 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34619, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Robert T. Opal, 1400 Douglas Street, STOP 1580, Omaha, NE 68179.

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Decided: December 6, 2004.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34609]

State of Washington, Department of Transportation—Acquisition Exemption—Palouse River and Coulee City Railroad, Inc.

The State of Washington, Department of Transportation (WSDOT), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Palouse River and Coulee City Railroad, Inc. (PRCC) certain physical assets of seven rail lines and the underlying rights-of-way, totaling approximately 188 miles in the State of Washington. The rail lines are as follows: (1) The Hooper Jct.-Winona line, between milepost 26.6 at Hooper Junction and milepost 52.3 at Winona; (2) the Thornton-Winona line, between milepost 0.0 at Winona and milepost 31.7 at Thornton; (3) the Winona-Endicott line, between milepost 52.3 at Winona and milepost 57.9 at Endicott; (4) the Endicott-Colfax line, between milepost 57.9 at Endicott and milepost 77.7 at Colfax; (5) the Colfax-Moscow line (a) between milepost 0.0 at Colfax and milepost 18.7 at Pullman, and (b) between milepost 75.9 at Pullman and milepost 84.05 at the Washington-Idaho State line; (6) the WIM line, between milepost 0.0 at Palouse and milepost 3.85 at the Washington-Idaho State line;

and (7) the P&L line, between milepost 1.0 at Marshall and milepost 75.9 at Pullman.

At the time of filing of the verified notice, WSDOT and PRCC were in the process of finalizing a purchase and sale agreement whereby: (1) WSDOT will acquire PRCC's right, title and interest in certain tracks, track materials and the underlying rights-of-way of seven rail lines; and (2) PRCC will retain a permanent, exclusive rail freight easement to provide rail freight service over the lines. WSDOT states that it will not be providing rail freight service over the lines.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or shortly after November 5, 2004.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.¹ Petitions to reopen the proceeding 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34609, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Jeanne A. Cushman, Assistant Attorney General, 905 Plum Street SE., Building 3, P.O. Box 40113, Olympia, WA 98504.

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Decided: December 3, 2004.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed

¹ WSDOT states that it will be filing a motion to dismiss the notice of exemption in this proceeding. When the motion is filed, it will be addressed in a subsequent Board decision.

and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the "Request for Transfer of Property Seized/Forfeited by a Treasury Agency", TD F 92-22.46.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 31, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to the Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture, Attn: Jackie A. Jackson, Suite 700, 740-15th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20220. Telephone: (202) 622-2755. E-Mail Address: Jackie.Jackson@TEOAF.Treas.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to the Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture, Attn: Jackie A. Jackson, Suite 700, 740-15th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20220. Telephone: (202) 622-2755. E-Mail Address: Jackie.Jackson@TEOAF.Treas.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for Transfer of Property Seized/Forfeited by a Treasury Agency, TD F 92-22.46

OMB Number: 1505-0152.

Form Number: TD F 92-22.46

Abstract: The form was developed to capture the minimum amount of data necessary to process the application for equitable sharing benefits. Only one form is required per seizure. If a law enforcement agency does not make this one time application for benefits under the equitable sharing process, the agency will not benefit from the forfeiture process.

Current Actions: This is a notice for the continued use of the established form. There are several changes to the form or instructions. Type of Review: Extension (with changes).

Proposed Changes: On the entire form change wording: Treasury Agency to Treasury Forfeiture Fund Participating Agency. Line III. Change wording—Asset Requested to Asset Seized Under Request Type: add a percentage sign.

Affected Public: Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies participating in the Treasury asset sharing program.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 Minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,500.