

Railroad Company and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company.

WCLL states that the Panhandle Line is currently out of service and that WCLL intends to reconstruct the line and add additional capacity. WCLL further states that, initially, operations on the line will be conducted by NS, CSXT, and Wisconsin Central Ltd. pursuant to trackage rights. WCLL indicates that it anticipates that CSXT will dispatch a portion of the Panhandle Line.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33811, *Wisconsin Central Transportation Corporation—Continuance in Control Exemption—Wisconsin Chicago Link Ltd.*, wherein WCTC has filed a petition for exemption from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323 to control WCLL. The stock of WCLL has been placed in an independent voting trust pursuant to 49 CFR 1013 pending a Board decision in STB Finance Docket No. 33811.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after February 4, 2000.

If the 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 does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33831, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on William C. Sippel, Esq., Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly (Illinois), 180 North Stetson Avenue, Two Prudential Plaza, 45th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601-6710.

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Decided: February 3, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Conclusion of the National Customs Automation Program Prototype

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service, Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces Customs conclusion of the National Customs Automation Program Prototype (NCAP/P). Prototype operations must be discontinued due to the cessation of funding for the NCAP/P automated system. Upon prototype conclusion, NCAP/P participants must cease entering goods and transmitting data under NCAP/P procedures. This document also provides instructions to participants on procedures for processing prototype entries using non-NCAP/P systems.

DATE: Termination of the NCAP/P will be effective as of March 13, 2000. No new applications for participation will be accepted as of February 10, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Comments and requests regarding NCAP/P termination may be directed to Keith Fleming, U.S. Customs Service at (202) 927-1049, or Virginia Noordewier, U.S. Customs Service at (202) 927-3296.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The vision of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) is to establish a Trade Compliance Process that achieves high levels of compliance and reduces the cycle time required for imports to clear Customs. NCAP/P is the prototype for the first implementation of this automated process.

Customs first announced its intention to implement the NCAP/P in the **Federal Register** on March 27, 1997 (62 FR 14731); the test was modified with updated procedures in a notice published in the **Federal Register** on August 21, 1998 (63 FR 44949) which replaced the previous notice. Customs also published a notice in the **Federal Register** on October 15, 1998 (63 FR 55426), announcing the proposed expansion of the prototype to five additional ports of entry.

The NCAP/P plan called for a four-stage implementation of new cargo processing features over a period of up to three years. The NCAP/P commenced on April 27, 1998 with the implementation of the cargo release stage. Customs implemented the second stage on October 13, 1998, which provided for cargo release with examination. At the time of this termination, the third and fourth stages—entry summary/periodic payment and reconciliation—have not been implemented.

Procedures

Upon prototype conclusion, participants must immediately revert to

non-NCAP/P processing for all cargo shipments.

A. As of the date 30 days from the date of publication of this document in the **Federal Register**, cargo release must be obtained through existing non-NCAP/P systems or procedures.

B. Cargo releases previously obtained through NCAP/P must be followed up by summary data and payments transmitted through existing non-NCAP/P systems, e.g., the Automated Commercial System.

Prototype Evaluation

Upon the conclusion of the NCAP/P, an evaluation of the entire test will be conducted and the results published in the **Federal Register** and the Customs Bulletin.

Dated: February 4, 2000.

Charles W. Winwood,
Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 5498-MSA

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

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 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 IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 5498-MSA, MSA or Medicare+Choice MSA Information.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 10, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Faye Bruce, (202) 622-6665, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: MSA or Medicare+Choice MSA Information.

OMB Number: 1545-1518.

Form Number: 5498-MSA.

Abstract: This form is used to report contributions to a medical savings account as required by Internal Revenue Code section 220(h).

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Responses: 41,105.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,988.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: January 21, 2000.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8281

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

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 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 IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8281, Information Return for Publicly Offered Original Issue Discount Instruments.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 10, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Faye Bruce, (202) 622-6665, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Information Return for Publicly Offered Original Issue Discount Instruments.

OMB Number: 1545-0887.

Form Number: 8281.

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code section 1275(c)(2) requires the furnishing of certain information to the IRS by issuers of publicly offered debt instruments having original issue discount. Regulations section 1.1275-3 prescribes that Form 8281 shall be used for this purpose. The information on Form 8281 is used to update Publication 1212, List of Original Issue Discount Instruments.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Responses: 500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 6 hr., 22 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,180.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: January 20, 2000.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 4684

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

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 and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C.