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NHTSA is mailing a copy of the 2000 booklet to each dealer on the mailing list that the Department of Energy uses to distribute the "Gas Mileage Guide." Dealers will have the responsibility of reproducing a sufficient number of copies of the booklet to assure that they are available for retention by prospective purchasers by [30 days after date of publication]. Dealers who do not receive a copy of the booklet within 15 days of the date of this notice should contact Ms. Rosalind Proctor of NHTSA's Office of Planning and Consumer Programs (202) 366-0846 to receive a copy of the booklet and to be added to the mailing list. Dealers may also obtain a copy of the booklet through the NHTSA web page at: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/studies/InsCost/InsCost. (49 U.S.C. 32302; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50(f).)

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Stephen R. Kraztke,

Acting Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33746]

Mississippi Rail Group, Inc.—Lease Exemption—State of Mississippi

Mississippi Rail Group, Inc. (MRG), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease from the State of Mississippi approximately 21.4 miles of rail line from milepost 0.2, at Aberdeen Junction, to milepost 21.66, at Kosciusko, in Holmes and Attala Counties, MS. MRG will be the operator of the line.

MRG states that the lease of the rail line was consummated on or about October 27, 1998. MRG filed its verified notice of exemption with the Board on February 14, 2000. Thus, the effective date of the exemption is February 21, 2000 (7 days after the exemption was filed).

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. 33746, must be filed with

the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Mr. David E. Delatte, Sr., President, Mississippi Rail Group, Inc., P.O. Box 278, Kosciusko, MS 39090.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: February 24, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of International Investment; 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 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 Office of International Investment within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the information collection provisions of the Regulations Pertaining to Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeovers by Foreign Persons, 31 CFR 800.402.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 1, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Gay Sills, Director, Office of International Investment, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., 4201NY, Washington, D.C. 20220 (Tel.: 202/622-1860).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Dempsey, Economist (Tel.: 202/622-1860), Office of International Investment, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20220; Francine McNulty Barber, Senior Counsel, Department of the Treasury, Room 2010, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20220, (202/622-1947).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulations Pertaining to Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeovers by Foreign Persons.

OMB Number: 1505-0121.

Abstract: The information request in this proposed collection is contained in section 800.402. The information collected under these regulations is used by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), an inter-agency committee chaired by the Secretary of the Treasury and comprised of the Secretaries of State, Defense, Treasury and Commerce, the Attorney General, the U.S. Trade Representative, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, and the Assistants to the President for National Security, National Economic Policy, and Science and Technology. The President has delegated to CFIUS the President's authority under section 721 of the Defense Production Act to determine the effects on the national security of acquisitions proposed or pending after the date of enactment (August 23, 1988) by or with foreign persons that could result in foreign control of persons engaged in interstate commerce in the United States.

Current Actions: Extension.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Foreign businesses and foreign individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses: 100.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: This varies, depending on individual circumstances, with an average of 60 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6000 hours.

Requests 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 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.