

notice to help ensure that interested organizations and individuals are informed about efforts to internationally harmonize chemical hazard classification and labeling, and have an opportunity to offer comments. Agencies participating in the U.S. government interagency group include: Department of State, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Transportation, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Commerce, Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. For more complete information on the GHS process, please refer to State Department Public Notice 2526, pages 15951–15957 of the **Federal Register** of April 3, 1997.

This meeting will summarize the GHS meetings that have taken place since the previous public meeting on August 10, 2000 (see Department of State Public Notice 3367 on pages 15951–15957 of the **Federal Register** of July 21, 2000):

- The Seventh Meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Extended Expert Group on Aquatic Environmental Hazards (Paris, September 4–5) developed guidance for applying harmonized hazard classification criteria for the aquatic toxicity of chemical substances and further developed harmonized criteria for chemical mixtures.

- The Tenth Meeting of the OECD Task Force on Harmonization of Classification and Labeling (Paris, September 6–8) reached agreement on harmonized hazard classification criteria for several health effects for chemical mixtures; approved hazard classification criteria for target organ and systemic toxicity; and agreed to initiate the development of hazard classification criteria for aspiration hazards, water-activated corrosivity and toxicity, and respiratory irritation.

Members of the interagency working group will also outline U.S. preparations for upcoming international meetings:

- The Sixth Meeting of the International Labor Organization (ILO) Working Group of Hazard Communication, October 30–November 2, Rome, Italy will develop and refine options for harmonized chemical hazard communication, such as labels and material safety data sheets.

- The Seventeenth Consultation of the IOMC Coordinating Group for the Harmonization of Chemical Classification Systems, November 2–3,

Rome, Italy will consider the need for GHS guidance and other implementation issues.

- The Twenty-first Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, December 5–14, Geneva, Switzerland will host a working group on classification criteria for physical hazards, focusing on aerosol flammability.

Interested organizations and individuals are invited to present their views orally and/or in writing at the public meeting. Participants may address other topics relating to harmonization of chemical hazard classification and labeling systems, and identify issues of concern. Those organizations/individuals that cannot attend the October 24th meeting, but wish to submit a written comment, should provide Eunice Mourning, Office of Environmental Policy, U.S. Department of State (telephone 202–647–9266; fax 202–647–5947) with their statement and/or name, organization, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address. All written comments will be placed in the OSHA public docket (H–022H), which is open Monday through Friday, from 10 am until 4 pm, at the Department of Labor, Room 2625, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC; telephone 202–219–7894; fax: 202–219–5046. Interested organizations/individuals that wish to receive future notifications of GHS-related developments by email should contact Mary Frances Lowe of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at “lowe.maryfrances@epa.gov”.

Dated: October 2, 2000.

**Daniel T. Fantozzi,**

*Director, Office of Environmental Policy,  
Department of State*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB–303 (Sub-No. 21X)]

#### Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Abandonment Exemption—in Marquette County, MI

Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon an approximately 8.84-mile line of its railroad between milepost 154 and milepost 162.84 in Marquette County, MI. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 49855 and 49866.

WCL has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line 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 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 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 this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 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, this exemption will be effective on November 14, 2000, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by October 23, 2000. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by November 2, 2000, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Michael J. Barron, Jr., Wisconsin Central Ltd., P.O. Box 5062, Rosemont, IL 60017–5062.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

<sup>1</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>2</sup> Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

WCL has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by October 18, 2000. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), WCL shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by WCL's filing of a notice of consummation by October 13, 2001, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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

Decided: October 4, 2000.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 3, 2000.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before November 13, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

*OMB Number:* 1545-1546.

*Revenue Procedure Number:* Revenue Procedure 97-33.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System).

*Description:* Some taxpayers are required by regulations issued under § 6302(h) of the Internal Revenue Code to make Federal Tax Deposits (FTDs) using the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS). Other taxpayers may choose to voluntarily participate in EFTPS. EFTPS requires that a taxpayer complete an enrollment form to provide the information the IRS needs to properly credit the taxpayer's account. Revenue 97-33 provides procedures and information that will help taxpayers to electronically make FTDs and tax payments through EFTPS.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Recordkeepers:* 557,243.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Recordkeeper:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion, Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly, Semi-annually, Annually, Biennially.

*Estimated Total Recordkeeping Burden:* 278,622 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Garrick Shear, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Lois K. Holland,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 6, 2000.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed

and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before November 13, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

*OMB Number:* 1545-1694.

*Revenue Ruling Number:* Revenue Ruling 2000-35.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Automatic Enrollment in Section 403(b) Plans.

*Description:* Revenue Ruling 2000-35 describes certain criteria that must be met before an employee's compensation can be reduced and contributed to an employer's section 403(b) plan in the absence of an affirmative election by the employee.

*Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 1 hour, 45 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion, Annually.

*Estimated Total Recordkeeping Burden:* 175 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1695.

*Revenue Ruling Number:* Revenue Ruling 2000-33.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Deferred Compensation Plans of State and Local Governments and Tax-Exempt Organizations.

*Description:* This revenue ruling specifies the conditions the plan sponsor should meet to automatically defer a certain percentage of its employees' compensation into their accounts in an eligible deferred compensation plan.

*Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 500.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion, Annually.

*Estimated Total Recordkeeping Burden:* 500 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Garrick Shear, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New