

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration****[Docket Number: MARAD 2003-15741]****Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws****AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.**ACTION:** Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel TAKE TIME.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383 and Pub. L. 107-295, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket 2003-15741 at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before August 28, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2003-15741. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael Hokana, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-830 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-0760.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel TAKE TIME is:

*Intended Use:* "Charter is for small groups to cruise on the boat weekends or weeks at a time. We will be going up and down the East Coast, with people that would like to cruise the waters."

*Geographic Region:* "The East Coast of the United States, including Florida."

Dated: July 22, 2003.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Murray Bloom,***Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**BILLING CODE 4910-81-P****DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Surface Transportation Board****[STB Finance Docket No. 34377]****The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company**

Union Pacific Railway Company (UP) has agreed to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) over UP's Memphis Subdivision lines between West Memphis, AR, at UP milepost 375.9, and Memphis, TN, at UP milepost 378.1, a distance of approximately 2.2 miles.

The transaction is scheduled to become effective on July 16, 2003, and the authorization is scheduled to expire on October 2, 2003. The purpose of the temporary trackage rights is to allow BNSF to bridge its train service while its main lines are out of service due to certain programmed track, roadbed, and structural maintenance.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the 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 by *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980), *aff'd sub nom. Railway Labor Executives' Ass'n v. United States*, 675 F.2d 1248 (DC Cir. 1982).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8). 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 will not stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34377, 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 Michael E. Roper, 2500 Lou Menk Drive, P. O. Box 961039, Fort Worth, TX 76161-0039.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: July 18, 2003.

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

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

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**BILLING CODE 4915-00-P****DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****[OMB Control No. 2900-0571]****Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request****AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the burden estimates relating to customer satisfaction surveys involving the National Cemetery Administration (NCA), and the Office of Inspector General (IG).

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 29, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ronald Cheich, National Cemetery Administration (402A), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail [Ronald.cheich@mail.va.gov](mailto:Ronald.cheich@mail.va.gov). Please refer