

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Delegation of Authority No. 326]****Delegation by the Secretary of State as Chairperson of the Board of the Millennium Challenge Corporation to the Vice President for Compact Implementation**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation by Section 18 of Article I of the Bylaws and other relevant provisions of the bylaws and law, including Section 614(d) of the Millennium Challenge Act, 2003, and Section 1(a)(4) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, I hereby delegate to Darius Mans, Vice President for Compact Implementation, to the extent authorized by law, the functions, duties and powers of the chief executive officer, to be exercised subject to my direction.

Any authorities covered by this delegation may also be exercised by me and may be redelegated to the extent authorized by law.

This delegation shall enter into effect on July 31, 2009 and shall expire upon the appointment and entry upon duty of a new Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 604(b) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003.

This delegation of authority shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 15, 2009/

Hillary Rodham Clinton,

Secretary of State, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board****[STB Docket No. AB-570 (Sub-No. 3X)]****Palouse River & Coulee City Railroad, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Latah County, ID**

Palouse River & Coulee City Railroad, Inc. (PRCC) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon 2.98 miles of rail line consisting of the following three segments between: (1) Milepost 84.0, at the Washington-Idaho State line, and milepost 85.91, in Moscow, ID; (2) milepost 86.11 and milepost 86.9, in Moscow; and (3) milepost 85.5 and the end of the line at the intersection of A Street and Almon Street, in Moscow,

Latah County, ID.¹ The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 83843.

PRCC 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 report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 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 September 10, 2009, unless stayed pending reconsideration.² Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,³ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),⁴ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by August 21, 2009. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use

conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by August 31, 2009, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to PRCC's representative: Karl Morell, Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

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

PRCC has filed environmental and historic reports that address the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by August 14, 2009. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 245-0305.

[Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] 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), PRCC 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 PRCC's filing of a notice of consummation by August 11, 2010, 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 Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: August 6, 2009.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Kulunie L. Cannon,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Transit Administration****[FTA Docket No. FTA 2009-0040]****Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

¹ PRCC's segment located between milepost 85.91 and milepost 86.11 was authorized for abandonment in *Palouse River & Coulee City Railroad, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Latah County, ID* (STB served August 17, 2007).

² Pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(2), the railroad must file a verified notice with the Board at least 50 days before the abandonment or discontinuance is to be consummated. PRCC has indicated a proposed consummation date of September 9, 2009, but, because the verified notice was filed on July 22, 2009, consummation may not take place prior to September 10, 2009.

³ 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 (SEA) 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.

⁴ Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,500. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration invites public comment about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval to renew the following information collection: Tribal Transit Program (OMB Number: 2132-0567). The information to be collected for this program is to ensure FTA's compliance with applicable Federal laws and the Common Grant Rule. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments was published on May 13, 2009.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before September 10, 2009. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sylvia L. Marion, Office of Administration, Office of Management Planning, (202) 366-6680.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Tribal Transit Program.

Abstract: FTA's Tribal Transit

Program provides financial assistance to federally recognized Indian tribes for public transportation services on and around Indian reservations located in rural areas. Eligibility is based on the statutory provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5311-Nonurbanized Area Formula Program. The provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Title 49 U.S.C. section 5311, 49 CFR part 18 Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments (the Common Grant Rule), and prudent administration of Federal grant funds dictate that grantor agencies review applications for Federal assistance to assure eligibility and other criteria, as appropriate, and monitor approved projects to ensure timely expenditure of Federal funds by grant recipients. Information collected under this program is structured to comply with Federal mandates. The reporting requirements are submitted by recipients in two stages: the application stage and the project management stage.

The American Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA) established funding for the Tribal Transit Program. This program is a \$17,000,000 discretionary grant program to support capital investments for public transit services that serve

Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages. To meet the requirements of the American Recovery Act, FTA requested an emergency approval from OMB for the Tribal Transit Program. OMB approved FTA's emergency request for approval on March 17, 2009. The OMB Control Number is 2132-0567. FTA published a **Federal Register** Notice on March 23, 2009, for Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program: Tribal Transit Program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 3,195 hours.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FTA Desk Officer.

Comments Are Invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued on: August 5, 2009.

Ann M. Linnertz,

Associate Administration for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Special Permit

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: List of applications for modification of special permits.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations (49 CFR Part 107, Subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the applications described herein. This notice is abbreviated to expedite docketing and public notice. Because the sections affected, modes of transportation, and the nature of application have been shown in earlier Federal Register publications, they are not repeated here. Requests for modification of special permits (e.g., to provide for additional hazardous materials, packaging design changes, additional mode of transportation, etc.) are described in footnotes to the application number. Application numbers with the suffix "M" denote a modification request. These applications have been separated from the new application for special permits to facilitate processing.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 26, 2009.

Address Comments to: Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials, Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast, Washington, DC or at <http://regulations.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for modification of special permit is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 6, 2009.

Delmer F. Billings,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Special Permits and Approvals.