

requested that it find ways to reduce TIH shipments in order to reduce TIH transportation risks.

On July 22, 2008, the Board held a public hearing in STB Ex Parte 677 (Sub-No. 1) to examine issues related to the common carrier obligation of railroads with respect to the transportation of hazardous materials. Comments were filed in that proceeding by the railroads (including UP) and TIH shippers. Many of the comments touched on the issues that are likely to arise in this proceeding. Thus, the parties that participated in STB Ex Parte 677 (Sub-No. 1) may have an interest in the issues raised in this proceeding.

Under 5 U.S.C. 554(e), the Board has discretionary authority to issue a declaratory order to terminate a controversy or remove uncertainty. A declaratory order proceeding is thus instituted in this proceeding to invite broad public comment. Any person seeking to comment on UP's petition may submit written comments to the Board regarding the extent of UP's common carrier obligation to quote rates for new, lengthy movements of chlorine, where the transportation would require movement through HTUAs and other large communities to destinations where an ample supply of chlorine may be available from nearby sources.

In its petition, UP urges the Board to consult with TSA and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) because UP suggests that a decision by the Board in this proceeding could conflict with TSA and FRA policies. Because the Board's consideration of the issues raised by UP's petition may relate to statutes and regulations governed by TSA, FRA, and other agencies, any agency with an interest in the outcome of these issues is encouraged to comment.

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Decided: March 10, 2009.

By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35224]

Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company—Intra-Corporate Family Lease Exemption—Illinois Central Railroad Company

Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E), a Class II rail common carrier, filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3) for an intra-corporate family lease of a line of railroad of Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC), a Class I rail common carrier, in Will County, IL.¹ Pursuant to the lease agreement entered into by EJ&E and IC, EJ&E will lease from IC a line of rail from milepost 41.0 to milepost 39.43, near Plainfield, IL, a distance of approximately 1.57 miles. IC will retain its right to use the line to serve any future industries on the line and to access IC's other rail operations in the Joliet, IL area.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after March 29, 2009, the effective date of the exemption.

The purpose of the transaction is to allow EJ&E to store and spot railroad cars delivered to a local power company and thereby increase operating efficiency.

This is a transaction within a corporate family of the type specifically exempted from prior review and approval under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3). EJ&E states that the transaction will not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or any change in the competitive balance between IC/EJ&E and carriers outside the CN corporate family.

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. As a condition to the use of this exemption, any employees adversely affected by this transaction will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

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

automatically stay the transaction. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than March 20, 2009 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35224, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Michael J. Barron, Jr., Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606-2832.

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By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35223]

Illinois Central Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Wisconsin Central Ltd.

Pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement entered into between Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) and Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WC), IC has agreed to grant non-exclusive overhead and interchange trackage rights to WC over IC's line of railroad between milepost 31.6 at University Park, IL (Stuenkel Road), and milepost 20.1 at Harvey, IL (South Junction), a distance of approximately 11.5 miles (line).¹

The transaction may be consummated on or after March 28, 2009, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the exemption was filed).

The purpose of the proposed transaction is to enable WC to handle efficiently overhead and interchange freight movements between University Park and Harvey. Under the trackage rights agreement, WC shall not perform any local freight service on the line. WC does not indicate that the transaction imposes interchange commitments. See 49 CFR 1180.4(g)(4).

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the acquisition of

¹ EJ&E and IC are wholly owned indirect subsidiaries of Canadian National Railway Corporation (CN).

¹ A redacted version of the trackage rights agreement between WC and IC was filed with the notice of exemption. The full version was concurrently filed under seal along with a motion for protective order, which will be addressed in a separate decision.

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 in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). 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 automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Stay petitions must be filed by March 20, 2009 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law 110–161, section 193, 121 Stat. 1844 (2007), nothing in this decision authorizes the following activities at any solid waste rail transfer facility: Collecting, storing, or transferring solid waste outside of its original shipping container; or separating or processing solid waste (including baling, crushing, compacting, and shredding). The term “solid waste” is defined in section 1004 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. 6903.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35223, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas J. Healey, Counsel—Regulatory, CN, 17641 S. Ashland Avenue, Homewood, IL 60430.

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By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Proposed Renewal Without Change; Comment Request; Customer Identification Programs for Various Financial Institutions

AGENCY: Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent

burden, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network invites comment on a proposed renewal, without change, to information collections found in regulations requiring futures commission merchants, introducing brokers, banks, savings associations, credit unions, certain non-federally regulated banks, mutual funds, and broker-dealers, to develop and implement customer identification programs reasonably designed to prevent those financial institutions from being used to facilitate money laundering and the financing of terrorist activities. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

DATES: Written comments are welcome and must be received on or before May 12, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Regulatory Policy and Programs Division, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, P.O. Box 39, Vienna, VA 22183, Attention: Customer Identification Program Comments. Comments also may be submitted by electronic mail to the following Internet address: regcomments@fincen.gov, again with a caption, in the body of the text, “Attention: Customer Identification Program Comments.”

Inspection of comments. Comments may be inspected, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., in the FinCEN reading room in Vienna, VA. Persons wishing to inspect the comments submitted must request an appointment with the Disclosure Officer by telephoning (703) 905–5034 (Not a toll free call).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Regulatory Policy and Programs Division at 800–949–2732 option 6.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract: The statute generally referred to as the “Bank Secrecy Act,” Titles I and II of Public Law 91–508, as amended, codified at 12 U.S.C. 1829b, 12 U.S.C. 1951–1959, and 31 U.S.C. 5311–5332, authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, *inter alia*, to require financial institutions to keep records and file reports that are determined to have a high degree of usefulness in criminal, tax, and regulatory matters, or in the conduct of intelligence or counter-intelligence activities, to protect against international terrorism, and to implement counter-money laundering programs and compliance procedures.¹

¹ Language expanding the scope of the Bank Secrecy Act to intelligence or counter-intelligence activities to protect against international terrorism was added by Section 358 of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate

Regulations implementing Title II of the Bank Secrecy Act appear at 31 CFR Part 103. The authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to administer the Bank Secrecy Act has been delegated to the Director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

Section 5318(l) of the Bank Secrecy Act authorizes the Secretary to issue regulations prescribing customer identification programs for financial institutions. The regulations must require that, at a minimum, financial institutions implement reasonable procedures for (1) verifying the identity of any person seeking to open an account, to the extent reasonable and practicable; (2) maintaining records of the information used to verify the person’s identity, including name, address, and other identifying information; and (3) determining whether the person appears on any lists of known or suspected terrorists or terrorist organizations provided to the financial institution by any government agency. The regulations are to take into consideration the various types of accounts maintained by various types of financial institutions, the various methods of opening accounts, and the various types of identifying information available. Regulations implementing section 5318(l) are found at 31 CFR 103.121, 103.122, 103.123, and 103.131.

1. *Title:* Customer identification programs for banks, savings associations, credit unions, and certain non-federally regulated banks. (31 CFR 103.121).

Office of Management and Budget Control Number: 1506–0026.

Abstract: Banks, savings associations, credit unions, and certain non-federally regulated banks are required to develop and maintain customer identification programs and provide their customers with notice of the programs. (See FR 68, 25090, May 9, 2003).

Current Action: There is no change to existing regulations.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Business and other for profit institutions and non-profit institutions.

Burden: Estimated Number of Respondents 22,060.

Estimated average annual recordkeeping burden per respondent: 10 hours.

Estimated average annual disclosure burden per respondent: 1 hour

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden: 242,660 hours.

Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001, Public Law No. 107–56.