

Background

Section 1404 of SAFETEA-LU required the Secretary of Transportation to establish a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program. The purpose of the program is to enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school and to make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative. Section 1404(h) requires the establishment of a National SRTS Task Force. This teleconference is the seventh meeting of the Task Force. Complete meeting minutes from the previous meetings are posted on the Web site listed below.

The agenda for this teleconference will include discussion of a draft report to the Secretary of Transportation about national strategies to advance SRTS programs nationwide.

Further information about the Task Force can be found at: http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/task_force/.

Once a detailed agenda is developed, it will be posted on this Web site. Please note that agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Conclusion

A teleconference by National Safe Routes to School Task Force will be held at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Room E71-124, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Safety, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590, from 1 p.m.-3 p.m., e.t., on May 29, 2008. Members of the public will not be permitted to participate in the conference call via telephone, but are invited to listen to the teleconference at the address listed above.

Authority: Section 1404(h), Pub. L. 109-59; 5 U.S.C., App. II § 1.

Issued on: April 21, 2008.

James D. Ray,

Acting Federal Highway Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on February 22, 2008 at Vol. 73, No. 36 p. 9853-54.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 30, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Hershman at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Vehicle Integrity Division, NVS-212, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, phone 202-366-4929.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Title: Record Retention.

OMB Number: 2127-0042.

Type of Request: Renewal of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Under 49 U.S.C. 30166(e), NHTSA "reasonably may require a manufacturer of a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment to keep records, and a manufacturer, distributor or dealer to make reports, to enable [NHTSA] to decide whether the manufacturer, distributor, or dealer has complied or is complying with this chapter or a regulation prescribed or order issued under this chapter."

To ensure that NHTSA will have access to this type of information, the agency exercised the authority granted in 49 U.S.C. Section 30166(e) and promulgated 49 CFR Part 576 Record Retention, initially published on August 20, 1974 and most recently amended on July 10, 2002 (67 FR 45873), requiring manufacturers to retain one copy of all records that contain information concerning malfunctions that may be related to motor vehicle safety for a period of five calendar years after the record is generated or acquired by the manufacturer. Manufacturers are also required to retain for ten years (five years for manufacturers of child seats and tires) the underlying records related to early warning reporting (EWR) information submitted under 49 CFR Part 579.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for profit.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 40,020 annual hours burden (20 respondents times 1 hour, plus 1,000 respondents times 40 hours).

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA 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.

A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 22, 2008.

Kathleen C. DeMeter,

Director, Office of Defects Investigation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 32023 (Sub-No. 1)]

BNSF Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation

Pursuant to a written amendment to a trackage rights agreement, the Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation (DM&E) has agreed to modify an existing trackage rights agreement¹ to grant overhead trackage rights to BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) between milepost 145.00 and milepost 148.50, a distance of approximately 3.5 miles, in Yale, SD.²

¹ The original trackage rights extended between milepost 160.33, in Huron, and milepost 148.50, in Yale, in Beadle County, SD, and were exempted by the Interstate Commerce Commission, the predecessor to the Board, in *Burlington Northern Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation*, Finance Docket No. 32023 (ICC served Apr. 14, 1992).

² This transaction is predicated upon the Board's approval of the petition for exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 35125, *Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation—Acquisition Exemption—Line of BNSF Railway Company*, filed March 25, 2008, in which DM&E seeks to acquire from BNSF the same 3.5-mile line at issue in the present matter. The instant transaction would constitute a grant back to BNSF of trackage rights over the line following the proposed line sale to DM&E.

This transaction will be consummated on May 17, 2008, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the exemption was filed), or once the transaction contemplated in STB Finance Docket No. 35125 is consummated, whichever is later.

The purpose of the proposed transaction is to amend the 1992 trackage rights agreement to extend BNSF's overhead trackage rights from milepost 148.50 to milepost 145.00 in Yale once that line is acquired by DM&E. This transaction will allow BNSF to reach its pre-existing trackage rights on DM&E's east-west main line between Huron and Wolsey, SD.

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 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 May 9, 2008 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law No. 110–161, § 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. 32023 (Sub-No. 1), 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 Karl Morell, Ball Janik LLP, Suite 225, 1455 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

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

Decided: April 22, 2008.

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

Anne K. Quinlan,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Credit for Renewable Electricity Production, Refined Coal Production, and Indian Coal Production, and Publication of Inflation Adjustment Factors and Reference Prices for Calendar Year 2008

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Publication of inflation adjustment factors and reference prices for calendar year 2008 as required by section 45(e)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 45(e)(2)(A)), section 45(e)(8)(C) (26 U.S.C. 45(e)(8)(C)), and section 45(e)(10)(C) (26 U.S.C. 45(e)(10)(C)).

SUMMARY: The 2008 inflation adjustment factors and reference prices are used in determining the availability of the credit for renewable electricity production, refined coal production, and Indian coal production under section 45.

DATES: The 2008 inflation adjustment factors and reference prices apply to calendar year 2008 sales of kilowatt hours of electricity produced in the United States or a possession thereof from qualified energy resources, and to 2008 sales of refined coal and Indian coal produced in the United States or a possession thereof.

Inflation Adjustment Factors: The inflation adjustment factor for calendar year 2008 for qualified energy resources and refined coal is 1.3854. The inflation adjustment factor for Indian coal is 1.0591.

Reference Prices: The reference price for calendar year 2008 for facilities producing electricity from wind is 3.60 cents per kilowatt hour. The reference prices for fuel used as feedstock within the meaning of section 45(c)(7)(A) (relating to refined coal production) are \$31.90 per ton for calendar year 2002 and \$45.56 per ton for calendar year 2008. The reference prices for facilities producing electricity from closed-loop biomass, open-loop biomass, geothermal energy, solar energy, small irrigation power, municipal solid waste, and qualified hydropower production have not been determined for calendar year 2008. The IRS is exploring methods of

determining those reference prices for calendar year 2009.

Because the 2008 reference price for electricity produced from wind does not exceed 8 cents multiplied by the inflation adjustment factor, the phaseout of the credit provided in section 45(b)(1) does not apply to such electricity sold during calendar year 2008. Because the 2008 reference price of fuel used as feedstock for refined coal does not exceed the \$31.90 reference price of such fuel in 2002 multiplied by the inflation adjustment factor and 1.7, the phaseout of credit provided in section 45(e)(8)(B) does not apply to refined coal sold during calendar year 2008. Further, for electricity produced from closed-loop biomass, open-loop biomass, geothermal energy, solar energy, small irrigation power, municipal solid waste, and qualified hydropower production, the phaseout of credit provided in section 45(b)(1) does not apply to such electricity sold during calendar year 2008.

Credit Amount by Qualified Energy Resource and Facility, Refined Coal, and Indian Coal: As required by section 45(b)(2), the 1.5-cent amount in section 45(a)(1), the 8-cent amount in section 45(b)(1), and the \$4.375 amount in section 45(e)(8)(A) are each adjusted by multiplying such amount by the inflation adjustment factor for the calendar year in which the sale occurs. If any amount as increased under the preceding sentence is not a multiple of 0.1 cent, such amount is rounded to the nearest multiple of 0.1 cent. In the case of electricity produced in open-loop biomass facilities, small irrigation power facilities, landfill gas facilities, trash combustion facilities, and qualified hydropower facilities, section 45(b)(4)(A) requires the amount in effect under section 45(a)(1) (before rounding to the nearest 0.1 cent) to be reduced by one-half. Under the calculation required by section 45(b)(2), the credit for renewable electricity production for calendar year 2008 under section 45(a) is 2.1 cents per kilowatt hour on the sale of electricity produced from the qualified energy resources of wind, closed-loop biomass, geothermal energy, and solar energy, and 1.0 cent per kilowatt hour on the sale of electricity produced in open-loop biomass facilities, small irrigation power facilities, landfill gas facilities, trash combustion facilities, and qualified hydropower facilities. Under the calculation required by section 45(b)(2), the credit for refined coal production for calendar year 2008 under section 45(e)(8)(A) is \$6.061 per ton on the sale of qualified refined coal. The credit for Indian coal production for calendar year