

**Title:** New Locomotive Certification, Noise Compliance Regulations.

**OMB Control Number:** 2130-0527.

**Abstract:** On January 14, 1976, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued noise emission standards pursuant to the Noise Control Act of 1972. The standards, 40 CFR Part 201, establish limits on the noise emissions generated by railroad locomotives under

both stationary and moving conditions. Section 17 of the Noise Control Act also requires the Secretary of Transportation to enforce these regulations and promulgate separate regulations to ensure compliance with the same. On December 23, 1983, FRA published 49 CFR Part 210 to ensure compliance with the EPA standards. The certification and testing data ensure that locomotives

built after December 31, 1979 have passed prescribed decibel standards for noise emissions under EPA regulations.

**Form Number(s):** N/A.

**Affected Public:** Businesses.

**Respondent Universe:** 2

Manufacturers.

**Frequency of Submission:** On occasion; one-time.

**Reporting Burden:**

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Total annual burden cost
Request for certification info.	2 manufacturers .....	40 requests .....	30 minutes .....	20 hours .....	\$480
Apply badge or tag to cab of locomotive.	2 manufacturers .....	40 badges/tags .....	30 minutes .....	20 hours .....	480
Noise emission measurement.	2 manufacturers .....	40 measurements .....	3 hours .....	120 hours .....	2,880

**Total Responses:** 120.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 160 hours.

**Status:** Regular Review.

Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b), 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on February 10, 2000.

**Margaret B. Reid,**

*Acting Director, Office of Information Technology and Support Systems, Federal Railroad Administration*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-475 (Sub-No. 3X)]

#### New Hampshire and Vermont Railroad Company Inc.—Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption—in Windsor and Orange Counties, VT, and Grafton County, NH

New Hampshire and Vermont Railroad Company, Inc. (NHVT) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights* to discontinue trackage rights over a line of railroad extending between approximately milepost 123.19, in White River Junction, VT, and approximately milepost 163.67, in Woodsville, NH, a total distance of approximately 40.48 miles in Windsor

and Orange Counties, VT, and Grafton County, NH (line). The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 05001, 05047, 05033, 05074, 05081, and 03785.

NHVT has certified that: (1) It has not utilized the track for local or overhead traffic 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 requirement at 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) has 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 March 17, 2000, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay<sup>1</sup> and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> must

<sup>1</sup> Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Likewise, no environmental or historical documentation is required here under 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(6).

<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).

be filed by February 28, 2000. Petitions to reopen must be filed by February 16, 2000, with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: David Anderson, 288 Littleton Road, Suite 21, Westford, MA 01886. If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

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

Decided: February 9, 2000.

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

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[INTL-15-91]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request For Regulation Project.

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,