

WV.¹ The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 26205, 26208, 26691 and 26651.²

SC&M has certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line; (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 reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 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 22, 2000, unless stayed pending reconsideration. 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 September 5, 2000. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by September 12, 2000, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Francis G. McKenna, Anderson & Pendleton, C.A., Inc., 206 North Washington Street, Suite 330, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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

SC&M has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by August 28, 2000. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. 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), SC&M 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 SC&M's filing of a notice of consummation by August 23, 2001, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Decided: August 16, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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Environmental Analysis 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 offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1000. *See* 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Senior Executive Service, Departmental Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Treasury Department.

ACTION: Notice of members of the Departmental Performance Review Board (PRB).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), this notice announces the appointment of members of the Department PRB. The purpose of this PRB is to review and make recommendations concerning proposed performance appraisals, ratings, bonuses and other appropriate personnel actions for incumbents of SES positions for which the Secretary or Deputy Secretary is the appointing authority. These positions include SES bureau heads, deputy bureau heads and certain other positions. The Board will perform PRB functions for other key bureau positions if requested.

COMPOSITION OF DEPARTMENTAL PRB: The Board shall consist of at least three members. In the case of an appraisal of a career appointee, more than half the members shall consist of career appointees. The names and titles of the PRB members are as follows:

Lisa G. Ross, Acting Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer—Chairperson
Kay Frances Dolan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Resources
John P. Simpson, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Regulatory, Tariff & Enforcement)
James E. Johnson, Under Secretary (Enforcement)
David A. Lebryk, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fiscal Operations and Policy
Margrethe Lundsager, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Trade & Investment Policy)
Mary E. Chaves, Director, Office of International Debt Policy
Jane L. Sullivan, Director, Office of Information Resources Management
Joan Affleck-Smith, Director, Office of Financial Institutions Policy
Bradley A. Buckles, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
Mark Logan, Deputy Assistant Director (Criminal Enforcement Field Operations—Western), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
Douglas M. Browning, Assistant Commissioner (International Affairs), U.S. Customs Service
Marjorie L. Budd, Assistant Commissioner (Training and Development), U.S. Customs Service
William F. Riley, Director, Office of Planning, U.S. Customs Service

¹ Gauley River Railroad, LLC (Gauley River) subleased the line from CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), which in turn leased the line from Strouds Creek and Muddlety Railroad. *See CSX Transportation, Inc.—Renewal of Lease Exemption—Strouds Creek and Muddlety Railroad Company*, Finance Docket No. 31373 (ICC served Dec. 21, 1988).

Gauley River and CSXT received discontinuance authority over the involved line segment in *Gauley River Railroad, LLC—Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service—in Webster and Nicholas Counties, WV and CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance of Service—Webster and Nicholas Counties, WV*, STB Docket No. AB-559 (Sub-No. 1X), et al. (STB served June 23, 2000).

² Under 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. SC&M, in its verified notice tendered for filing on July 19, 2000, indicated a proposed consummation date of September 9, 2000. Because applicant had failed to publish notice in the newspaper as required, the verified notice was not complete until August 3, 2000, when proof of newspaper publication was received at the Board and hence the notice was not deemed filed until then. Thus, the earliest possible consummation date is September 22, 2000. Applicant's representative has confirmed that the correct consummation date is on or after September 22, 2000.

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

Brian L. Stafford, Director, U.S. Secret Service

Kevin T. Foley, Deputy Director, U.S. Secret Service

W. Ralph Basham, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center

John P. Mitchell, Deputy Director, U.S. Mint

Jackquelyn E. Fletcher, Associate Director/CIO, U.S. Mint

Richard L. Gregg, Commissioner, Financial Management Service

Kenneth R. Papaj, Deputy Commissioner, Financial Management Service

Thomas A. Ferguson, Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing

William H. Gillers, Assistant Director (Environmental and Safety), Bureau of Engraving and Printing

David A. Mader, Chief Officer, Management and Finance, Internal Revenue Service

Evelyn A. Petschek, Commissioner, Tax Exempt and Government Entities, Internal Revenue Service

Darlene R. Berthod, Deputy Commissioner, Tax Exempt and Government Entities, Internal Revenue Service

John M. Dalrymple, Chief Operations Officer, Internal Revenue Service

Toni L. Zimmerman, Deputy CIO (Information Resources), Internal Revenue Service

Deborah M. Nolan, Deputy Division Commissioner, Large and Mid-Sized Business Division, Internal Revenue Service

Frederic V. Zeck, Commissioner, Bureau of the Public Debt

Kenneth R. Schmalzbach, Assistant General Counsel (General Law & Ethics)

Roberta K. McInerney, Assistant General Counsel (Banking & Finance)

DATES: Membership is effective on the date of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald A. Glaser, Department of the Treasury, Director, Office of Personnel Policy, Metropolitan Square Building, Room 6075, 15th and Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20220, Telephone: (202) 622-1890.

This notice does not meet the Department's criteria for significant regulations.

Ronald A. Glaser,
Director, Office of Personnel Policy.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[T.D. 8418]

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, Public Law 104-13(44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, T.D. 8418, Arbitrage Restrictions on Tax-exempt Bonds (§§ 1.148-1, 1.148-2, 1.148-3, 1.148-4, 1.148-5, 1.148-6, 1.148-7, 1.148-8, and 1.148-11).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 23, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Larnice Mack, (202) 622-3179, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Arbitrage Restrictions on Tax-exempt Bonds.

OMB Number: 1545-1098.

Regulation Project Number: T.D. 8418.

Abstract: These regulations requires state and local governmental issuers of tax-exempt bonds to rebate arbitrage profits earned on nonpurpose investments acquired with the bond proceeds. Issuers are required to submit a form with the rebate. The regulations provide for several elections, all of which must be in writing.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal governments, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,100.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2 hours, 46 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,550.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: August 15, 2000.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[LR-311-81]

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