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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research & Innovative Technology Administration

Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Report of Extension of Credit to Political Candidates—Form 183

AGENCY: Research & Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics invites the general public, industry and other governmental parties to comment on the continuing need for and usefulness of BTS collecting reports from air carriers on the aggregated indebtedness balance of a political candidate or party for Federal office. The reports are required when the aggregated indebtedness is over \$5,000 on the last day of a month.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by April 4, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bernie Stankus, Office of Airline Information, RTS-42, Room 4125, RITA, BTS, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, Telephone Number (202) 366-4387, Fax Number (202) 366-3383 or e-mail bernard.stankus@dot.gov.

Comments: Comments should identify the associated OMB approval #2138-0016 and Docket 23343. Persons wishing the Department to acknowledge receipt of their comments must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: Comments on OMB #2138-0016, Docket 23343. The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval No.: 2138-0016.

Title: Report of Extension of Credit to Political Candidates—Form 183, 14 CFR Part 374a.

Form No.: 183.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Certificated air carriers.

Number of Respondents: 2 (Monthly Average).

Number of Responses: 24.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Total Annual Burden: 24 hours.

Needs and Uses: The Department uses this form as the means to fulfill its obligation under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (the Act). The Act's legislative history indicates that one of its statutory goals is to prevent candidates for Federal political office from incurring large amounts of unsecured debt with regulated transportation companies (e.g. airlines). This information collection allows the Department to monitor and disclose the amount of unsecured credit extended by airlines to candidates for Federal office. All certificated air carriers are required to submit this information.

The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3501 note), requires a statistical agency to clearly identify information it collects for non-statistical purposes. BTS hereby notifies the respondents and the public that BTS uses the information it collects under this OMB approval for non-statistical purposes including, but not limited to, publication of both Respondent's identity and its data, submission of the information to agencies outside BTS for review, analysis and possible use in regulatory and other administrative matters.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34772]

R.J. Corman Railroad Company/ Tennessee Terminal, LLC—Lease and Operation Exemption—BNSF Railway Company

R.J. Corman Railroad Company/ Tennessee Terminal, LLC (RJCK), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease, from BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), and operate approximately 46.7 miles of rail line known as the Tennessee-Mississippi Terminal Tracks as follows: (1) Tracks referred to as the Olive Branch Metro Industrial Park tracks all in DeSoto County, MS; (2) tracks referred to as the Airport Industrial Park tracks, located in Shelby County, TN; and (3) tracks referred to as the Tennessee Yard tracks, all in Shelby

County, TN: (a) Track No. 0323 from a point west of track No. 0324 to the point it connects with track No. 2058 on the west end of the yard;¹ (b) track Nos. 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 0311 and 0312; (c) track No. 1400, the Solae Lead, and all connected BNSF owned industrial tracks north of the yard; (d) track No. 1300, the Perkins Lead, and all connected BNSF owned industrial tracks north of the yard; (e) track Nos. 1365, 1370, 1372 and 1375, the Coors Leads; (f) track Nos. 1318 and 1356, Transload of Tennessee lead track; (g) track No. 1500 from a point east of the Shelby overpass and all Hickory Hill Industrial Park leads owned by BNSF; and (h) track Nos. 0892, 1202, 1204, 1207 and all connected BNSF owned industrial tracks north of main track No. 2. In addition, BNSF is granting incidental trackage rights at its Tennessee Yard to RJCK for the purpose of moving RJCK's trains and equipment on BNSF's tracks as follows: (a) Track No. 0323 from a point west of track No. 0324 to the point it connects with track No. 1500 on the east end of the yard; (b) track No. 1500 from a point east of the Shelby overpass to the point it connects with track No. 0323; (c) track No. 0323 from the point it connects with track No. 2058 to the point track No. 0323 connects with track No. 1008; and (d) track No. 1008 (former Main 2) from the point it connects with track No. 0323 to milepost 493.0.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 34775, *Richard J. Corman and R.J. Corman Railroad Group, LLC—Continuance in Control Exemption—R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Tennessee Terminal, LLC*, wherein Richard J. Corman and R.J. Corman Railroad Group, LLC, have concurrently filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of RJCK, upon its becoming a Class III rail carrier.

RJCK certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier, and further certifies that its projected annual revenues will not exceed \$5 million. The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on January 15, 2006.

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.

¹ BNSF is reserving the right to use this track for the sole purpose of moving its trains and equipment.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34772, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Ronald A. Lane, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606-2832.

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Decided: January 30, 2006.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34775]

Richard J. Corman and R.J. Corman Railroad Group, LLC—Continuance in Control; Exemption—R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Tennessee Terminal, LLC

Richard J. Corman (Corman) and R.J. Corman Railroad Group, LLC (Group) (collectively applicants), have filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Tennessee Terminal, LLC (RJCK), upon RJCK's becoming a Class III rail carrier.¹

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on January 15, 2006.

This transaction is related to the concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 34772, *R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Tennessee Terminal, LLC—Lease and Operation Exemption—BNSF Railway Company*. In that proceeding, RJCK seeks to acquire by lease from BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) and operate approximately 46.7 miles of rail lines in Shelby County, TN, and DeSoto County, MS.

Group controls seven Class III rail carriers: R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines Inc. (Pennsylvania Lines), R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Memphis Line (Memphis Line), R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Western Ohio Line (Western Ohio Line), R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Cleveland Line (Cleveland Line), R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Bardstown Line (Bardstown Line), R.J. Corman Railroad

Company/Allentown Lines, Inc. (Allentown Lines), and R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Central Kentucky Lines, LLC (Central Kentucky Lines). Corman also owns R.J. Corman Railroad Property, LLC (RJRP), a Class III non-operating rail carrier, and owns a controlling interest in the Clearfield & Mahoning Railway Company (CMRC), also a Class III rail carrier.

Applicants state that: (1) The rail lines operated by Pennsylvania Lines, Memphis Line, Western Ohio Line, Cleveland Line, Bardstown Line, Allentown Lines, Central Kentucky Lines, RJRP, and CMRC do not connect with the rail line being leased by RJCK; (2) the continuance in control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the rail line being leased by RJCK with any railroad in the Corman corporate family; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I rail carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2). The purpose of the transaction is to allow Corman and Group to continue in control of RJCK after RJCK becomes a Class III rail carrier.

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. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under section 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Accordingly, the Board may not impose labor protective conditions here, because all of the carriers involved are Class III carriers.

If the verified 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.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34775, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Ronald A. Lane, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606-2832.

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Decided: January 30, 2006.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34823]

The Kansas City Southern Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Meridian Speedway LLC

Meridian Speedway LLC (MSLLC) has agreed to grant local and overhead trackage rights to The Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCSR) to permit KCSR to operate over a line of railroad being transferred to MSLLC.² The trackage rights extend over this line between milepost 0.0 at Meridian, MS, and milepost 95.26 ± at Jackson, MS, and between milepost 95.7 ± at Jackson, MS, and milepost V-169.85 ± at Shreveport, LA, a total distance of approximately 320 miles.³

KCSR had intended to consummate the transaction on the later of two dates, January 24, 2006, or when the transaction described in STB Finance Docket No. 34822 is consummated. However, by decision served on January 23, 2006, the effective date of the three exemptions was stayed, at the joint request of CN, NSR, KCS, KCSR, and MSLLC, until February 23, 2006. Accordingly, consummation of the transaction cannot occur until February 23, at the earliest.

¹ A redacted version of the trackage rights agreement was filed with the notice of exemption. The full version of the agreement, as required by 49 CFR 1180.6(a)(7)(ii), was filed under seal along with a motion for a protective order.

² KCSR's verified notice of exemption is related to two other verified notices of exemption filed on January 17, 2006. In STB Finance Docket No. 34822, Kansas City Southern (KCS), KCSR, and MSLLC have filed a notice of exemption relating to an intra-corporate family transaction pursuant to which KCSR will transfer its line between Meridian, MS, and Shreveport, LA, to MSLLC. KCS will continue in control of MSLLC (which will become a carrier upon acquiring the line), and KCSR will contract with MSLLC to operate the transferred line on MSLLC's behalf. In STB Finance Docket No. 34821, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has filed a notice of exemption to acquire trackage rights over the line to be transferred to MSLLC in STB Finance Docket No. 34822.

³ KCSR currently operates via trackage rights over the approximately four-tenths of a mile section of track in Jackson, MS, connecting these two line segments. That section of track is controlled by Canadian National Railway Company (CN) as successor to Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) pursuant to a trackage rights agreement dated March 26, 1986, between MidSouth Rail Corporation and IC.

¹ Group, a noncarrier holding company, is owned by Corman and directly controls JCK.