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Deputy Secretary.  
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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

### Sunshine Act Meeting; Board Conference

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:00 a.m., June 5, 1996.  
**PLACE:** Hearing Room A, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20423.  
**STATUS:** The Board will meet to discuss among themselves the following agenda items. Although the conference is open for the public observation, no public participation is permitted.

#### MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

STB Ex Parte No. 529, *Class Exemption for Acquisition or Operation of Rail Line by Class III Rail Carriers Under 49 U.S.C. 10902.*

Docket No. AB-452 (Sub-No. 1X), *The Western Stock Show Association—Abandonment Exemption—in Denver, CO.*  
Finance Docket No. 32802, *Philadelphia Belt Line Railroad Company v. Consolidated Rail Corporation, CP Rail System, and CSX Transportation, Inc.* Docket No. AB-1 (Sub-No. 192X) *Chicago and North Western Transportation Company—Abandonment Exemption—Guthrie and Dallas Counties, IA.*<sup>1</sup>

#### CONTACT PERSONS FOR MORE

**INFORMATION:** Dennis Watson, Office of Congressional and Press Service, Telephone: (202) 927-5350, TDD: (202) 927-5721.

Vernon A. Williams,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board<sup>1</sup>

[STB Finance Docket No. 32888]

#### Angelina & Neches River Railroad Company—Purchase Exemption—Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

<sup>1</sup> Includes Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 374), *Burlington Northern Railroad Company—Adverse Discontinuance—in Denver, CO*, Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 92), *Union Pacific Railroad Company—Adverse Discontinuance—in Denver, CO*, and Docket No. AB-446 (Sub-No. 2), *Denver Terminal Railroad Company—Adverse Abandonment—in Denver, CO*.

<sup>1</sup> The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** The Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10902, the acquisition of approximately 2.9 miles of rail line in Lufkin, Angelina County, TX, by Angelina & Neches River Railroad Company, a Class III railroad.

**DATES:** The exemption will be effective June 28, 1996. Petitions to stay must be filed by June 10, 1996. Petitions to reopen must be filed by June 18, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Send pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 32888 to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) petitioner's representative: Peter A. Greene, THOMPSON HINE & FLORY P.L.L., Suite 800, 1920 N Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 927-5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC News & Data, Inc., Room 2229, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20423. Telephone (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: May 15, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,  
Secretary.

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### Surface Transportation Board<sup>1</sup>

[STB Docket No. AB-413 (Sub-No. 1X)]

#### Great Western Railway of Iowa, L.L.C., d/b/a Council Bluffs Railway—Abandonment Exemption—in Council Bluffs, IA

Great Western Railway of Iowa, L.L.C., d/b/a Council Bluffs Railway

Commission (ICC) and transferred certain functions and proceedings to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10902.

<sup>1</sup> The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice

(CBGR) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 1 mile of its line of railroad from milepost 409.5 on the west side of Iowa State Highway 192 (also known as the South Expressway), to milepost 410.5 near South 17th Street, including the Milwaukee Connector Track, in the City of Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie County, IA.

CBGR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line has been rerouted; (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 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 use of 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 June 27, 1996, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>2</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>3</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29<sup>4</sup> must be filed by June 7, 1996. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR

relates to functions that are subject to the Board's jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10903.

<sup>2</sup> 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 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.

<sup>3</sup> See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

<sup>4</sup> The Board will accept late-filed trail use requests so long as the abandonment has not been consummated and the abandoning railroad is willing to negotiate an agreement.

1152.28 must be filed by June 17, 1996, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Michael J. Ogborn, Manager, Great Western Railway of Iowa, L.L.C., d/b/a Council Bluffs Railway, Clayton Street, Fourth Floor, Denver, CO 80206.

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

CBGR 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 May 31, 1996.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 3219, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling Elaine Kaiser, Chief of SEA, at (202) 927-6248. 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.

Decided: May 21, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Foreign Assets Control

#### Information Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Federal Register Pre-Clearance Notice.

**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 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 U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control is soliciting comments concerning the travel to Cuba declaration requirements authorized pursuant to § 515.602 of the Cuban

Assets Control Regulations, 31 CFR Part 515.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before July 29, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Dorene F. Erhard, Sr. Sanctions Advisor, Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20220, (tel.: 202/622-2500). Internet Address: Dorene.Erhard@treas.sprint.com.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven I. Pinter, Chief of Licensing (tel.: 202/622-2480), for questions concerning licensing policy; or William B. Hoffman, Chief Counsel (tel.: 202/622-2410), for legal questions; Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Travel to Cuba, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Declaration.

*OMB Number:* 1505-0118.

*Abstract:* Declarations are to be completed by persons traveling from the U.S. to Cuba in order to provide the U.S. Government information to be used in administering and enforcing economic sanctions imposed against Cuba pursuant to 31 CFR Part 515.

*Current Action:* Extension.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Individuals/businesses and other for-profit institutions/banking institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 26,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* .0833 hour to process.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 2,166 hours.

*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; and (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.

Dated: May 14, 1996.

William B. Hoffman,

Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

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#### Information Collection; Comment Request; Federal Register Pre-Clearance Notice

**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 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 Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control is soliciting comments concerning the civil penalty provisions, of the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 CFR §§ 515.703 and 515.704.

**DATES:** Written comments should be relieved on or before July 29, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Dorene F. Erhard, Sr. Sanctions Advisor, Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20220, (tel.: 202/622-2500). Internet Address: Dorene.Erhard@treas.sprint.com.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Betsy Sue Scott, Penalties Program Manager (tel.: 202/622-6140); or William B. Hoffman, Chief Counsel (tel.: 202/622-2410), for legal questions; Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Cuban Assets Control Regulations, Civil Penalties Provisions.

*OMB Number:* 1505-0145.

*Abstract:* A recipient of a prepenalty notice alleging a violation of the Cuban Assets Control Regulation is permitted to respond in writing requesting assets control regulation requesting a hearing and/or setting forth his or her belief that a penalty should not be imposed, or if imposed, should be in a lesser amount than proposed.

*Current Actions:* Extension.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other for-profit institutions/banking institutions/individuals.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50.