

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Railroad Administration****[FRA Docket Number H-97-6]****Petition for Waiver of Compliance**

In accordance with Title 49 CFR 211.9 and 211.41, notice is hereby given that the Union Pacific Railroad (UP) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for exemption from or waiver of compliance with a requirement of its safety standards. The petition is described below, including the regulatory provisions involved, and the nature of the relief being requested.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis of their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate waiver petition docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number H-97-6) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Mail Stop 10, Washington, D.C. 20590.

Communications received within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) in Room 7051, 1120 Vermont Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The UP requests a waiver of compliance with certain provisions of FRA Safety Regulations (Hours of Service of Railroad Employees). The waiver requested seeks relief from 49 CFR 228.9(a)(1) for the UP to utilize a computerized system of recording hours of duty data. Section 228.9(a)(1) requires that records maintained under § 228 be signed by the employee whose time is being recorded, or in the case of train and engine crews, signed by the ranking crewmember. The UP seeks to establish a computerized system of recording hours of duty information which would not comply with the above requirements for a "signature" of the employee or ranking crewmember. The UP proposes

that each employee will have his or her own personal identification number "PIN" which will remain confidential to the employee. When accessing the computer for input of the hours of service record, required by § 228.11, the "PIN" will not appear on the computer screen when the employee enters his or her number. The "PIN" is proposed to satisfy the signature requirements of the "Hours of Service of Railroad Employees." The railroad maintains that the change is in the best interests of all parties, in that, it will reduce unnecessary paperwork and the costs associated therein while providing the railroad, its employees and the FRA with a superior level of information on a more timely basis than is currently available.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request**

August 20, 1997.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**

*OMB Number:* 1545-0950.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 23.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Application for Enrollment to Practice Before the Internal Revenue Service.

*Description:* Form 23 must be completed by those who desire to be enrolled to practice before the Internal Revenue Service. The information on the form will be used by the Director of Practice to determine the qualifications and eligibility of applicants for enrollment.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, Federal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,400.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Frequency of Response:* Other (one-time filing).

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 2,400 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Office of the Secretary****List of Countries Requiring Cooperation With an International Boycott**

In order to comply with the mandate of section 999(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Department of the Treasury is publishing a current list of countries which may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

On the basis of the best information currently available to the Department of the Treasury, the following countries may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986):

Bahrain  
Iraq  
Kuwait  
Lebanon  
Libya  
Oman  
Qatar  
Saudi Arabia  
Syria  
United Arab Emirates  
Yemen, Republic of

Dated: September 3, 1997.

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