

Estimated Burden: The estimated total annual burden is 6,771 hours.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 15, 1998.

Phillip A. Leach,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports and Guidance Documents; Air Carriers; Cessation of Operations

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department's Office of Aviation Analysis issues this notice to provide guidance regarding the effect that a cessation of operations pursuant to a voluntary agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has upon an air carrier's economic authority issued pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41102 or 41738. The notice advises U.S. certificated and commuter air carriers that the Department considers the cessation of operations pursuant to such a voluntary agreement with the FAA to be a cessation of operations within the meaning of 14 CFR 204.7. Therefore, the carrier may not hold out, sell, wet lease, provide or obtain subservice, or conduct any other direct air transportation operations until it has again been found fit.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William J. Wagner, Senior Trial Attorney, Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th St. SW., Washington, DC 20590. Tel. No. (202) 366-9357.

John V. Coleman,

Director, Office of Aviation Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33612]

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company; Trackage Rights Exemption; Union Pacific Railroad Company

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) between Dallas, TX, in the vicinity of UP's milepost 214.6 (Dallas Subdivision) and Tower 55, Fort Worth, TX, in the vicinity of UP's milepost 245.5 (Dallas Subdivision), a distance of approximately 30.9 miles.¹

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on June 15, 1998.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to allow BNSF to operate over an alternative line while BNSF's line is undergoing maintenance and repair.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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. 33612, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Yolanda M. Grimes, Esq., The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, P. O. Box 961039, Fort Worth, TX 76161-0039.

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

Decided: June 15, 1998.

¹ On June 4, 1998, BNSF and UP filed a petition for exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 33612 (Sub-No. 1), *The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company*, wherein BNSF and UP request that the Board permit the overhead trackage rights arrangement described in the present proceeding to expire on July 31, 1998. That petition will be addressed by the Board in a separate decision.

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

[IA-120-86]

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, IA-120-86 (TD 8584), Capitalization of Interest (§§ 1.263A-8(b)(2)(iii), 1.263A-9(d)(1), 1.263A-9(e)(1), 1.263A-9(f)(1)(ii), 1.263A-9(f)(2)(iv), 1.263A-9(g)(2)(iv)(C), 1.263A-9(e)(1) and 1.263A-9(g)(3)(iv)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 21, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Capitalization of Interest.

OMB Number: 1545-1265.

Regulation Project Number: IA-120-86.

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code section 263A(f) requires taxpayers to estimate the length of the production period and total cost of tangible personal property to determine if interest capitalization is required. This regulation requires taxpayers to maintain contemporaneous written records of production period estimates, to file a ruling request to segregate

activities in applying the interest capitalization rules, and to request the consent of the Commissioner to change their methods of accounting for the capitalization of interest.

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

Type of Review: Extension of OMB approval.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, and business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100.

Estimated Number of Recordkeepers: 500,000.

Estimated Time Per Recordkeeper: 14 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Recordkeeping Hours: 116,667.

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: June 16, 1998.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[EE-113-90]

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning existing final and temporary regulations, EE-113-90 (TD 8324), Employee Business Expenses—Reporting and Withholding on Employee Business Expense Reimbursements and Allowances (§ 1.62-2).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 21, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Employee Business Expenses—Reporting and Withholding on Employee Business Expense Reimbursements and Allowances.

OMB Number: 1545-1148.

Regulation Project Number: EE-113-90.

Abstract: These temporary and final regulations provide rules concerning the taxation of, and reporting and withholding on, payments with respect to employee business expenses under a reimbursement or other expense allowance arrangement. The regulations affect employees who receive payments and payors who make payments under such arrangements.

Current Actions: There is no change to these existing regulations.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit

organizations, not-for-profit institutions, farms, and Federal, state, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Recordkeepers: 1,419,456.

Estimated Time Per Recordkeeper: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual

Recordkeeping Hours: 709,728.

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: June 12, 1998.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[PS-97-91; PS-101-90]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.