

traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 35203, 35204 and 35233.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it. The applicant's entire case for abandonment and discontinuance was filed with the application.

The Birmingham Branch has appeared on the applicant's system diagram map or has been included in its narrative in category 1 since 1990.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Any interested person may file with the Board written comments concerning the proposed abandonment and discontinuance or protests (including the protestant's entire opposition case), by February 23, 1998. All interested persons should be aware that following any abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 U.S.C. 10905 (49 CFR 1152.28) or for a trail use condition under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) (49 CFR 1152.29) must be filed by February 23, 1998. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27). The applicant's reply to any opposition statements and its response to trail use requests must be filed by March 10, 1998. See 49 CFR 1152.26(a).

Persons opposing the proposed abandonment and discontinuance that wish to participate actively and fully in the process should file a protest. Persons who may oppose the abandonment and discontinuance but who do not wish to participate fully in the process by appearing at any oral hearings or by submitting verified statements of witnesses containing detailed evidence should file comments. Persons interested only in seeking public use or trail use conditions should also file comments.

In addition, a commenting party or protestant may provide:

- (i) An offer of financial assistance (OFA) for continued rail service under 49 U.S.C. 10904 (due 120 days after the application is filed or 10 days after the application is granted by the Board, whichever occurs sooner);
- (ii) Recommended provisions for protection of the interests of employees;
- (iii) A request for a public use condition under 49 U.S.C. 10905; and
- (iv) A statement pertaining to prospective use of the right-of-way for

interim trail use and rail banking under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) and 49 CFR 1152.29.

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-192 (Sub-No. 1) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Maria A. Sandala, Attorney, 135 Jamison Lane, P.O. Box 68, Monroeville, PA 15146. The original and 10 copies of all comments or protests shall be filed with the Board with a certificate of service. Except as otherwise set forth in part 1152, every document filed with the Board must be served on all parties to the abandonment proceeding. 49 CFR 1104.12(a).

The lines sought to be abandoned and discontinued will be available for subsidy or sale for continued rail use if the Board decides to permit the abandonment and discontinuance in accordance with applicable laws and regulations (49 U.S.C. 10904 and 49 CFR 1152.27). Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$900 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25). No subsidy arrangement approved under 49 U.S.C. 10904 shall remain in effect for more than 1 year unless otherwise mutually agreed by the parties (49 U.S.C. 10904(f)(4)(B)). Applicant will promptly provide upon request to each interested party an estimate of the subsidy and minimum purchase price required to keep the line in operation. The carrier's representative to whom inquiries may be made concerning sale or subsidy terms is Mr. J. L. Neis, General Superintendent, Birmingham Southern Railroad Company, 6200 E. J. Oliver Blvd., P.O. Box 579, Fairfield, AL 35064.

Persons seeking further information concerning the abandonment and discontinuance procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1545. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at (202) 565-1695.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary), prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 33 days of the filing of the application.

The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service. The comments received will be addressed in the Board's decision. A supplemental EA or EIS may be issued where appropriate.

Decided: January 22, 1998.

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 Docket No. AB-31 (Sub-No. 31X)]

Grand Trunk Western Railroad, Incorporated—Abandonment Exemption—in Oakland County, MI

Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated (GTW) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 0.72-mile line of its railroad between milepost MP-0.0 (south end) and MP-0.72 (north of Tregent Street) on the Cass City Subdivision in Pontiac, Oakland County, MI. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 48342.

GTW has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic that previously moved over the line can be rerouted over other GTW lines; (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 February 28, 1998, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by February 9, 1998. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by February 18, 1998, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Robert P. vom Eigen, Esq., Rachel Danish Campbell, Esq., Hopkins & Sutter, 888 Sixteenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

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

GTW 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 February 3, 1998. 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), GTW 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 GTW's filing of a notice of consummation by January 29, 1999, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

¹ 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.

² Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$900. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

Decided: January 22, 1998.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, 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 Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN") is soliciting comments concerning certain regulations in 31 CFR part 103 relating to Financial Recordkeeping and Reporting of Currency and Foreign Transactions, and TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 30, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to: Office of Legal Counsel, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, Suite 200, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna, VA 22182-2536, *Attention:* Extension of OMB Number 1506-0009. Comments also may be submitted by electronic mail to the following Internet address: "regcomments@fincen.treas.gov" with the caption in the body of the text, "*Attention:* Extension of OMB Number 1506-0009."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for information should be directed to Charles Klingman, Financial Institutions Policy Specialist, FinCEN, at (703) 905-3602.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Financial Recordkeeping and Reporting of Currency and Foreign Transactions, and TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.

OMB Number: 1506-0009. (This collection was formerly assigned Control Number 1505-0063.)

Form Number: TD F 90-22.1.

Abstract: The Bank Secrecy Act, Titles I and II of Pub. L. 91-508, as amended, codified at 12 U.S.C. 1829, 12 U.S.C. 1951-1959, and 31 U.S.C. 5311-5330, authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, inter alia, to issue regulations requiring records and reports that are determined to have a high degree of usefulness in criminal, tax, and regulatory matters. Regulations implementing Title II of the Bank Secrecy Act (codified at 31 U.S.C. 5311-5330) appear at 31 CFR part 103. The authority of the Secretary to administer the Bank Secrecy Act regulations has been delegated to the Director of FinCEN.

Money laundering is a vital component of, not only drug trafficking, but other illegal operations throughout the world. The reporting and recordkeeping requirements of the Bank Secrecy Act, codified at 12 U.S.C. 1829, 12 U.S.C. 1951-1959, and 31 U.S.C. 5311-5330, aid in creating a paper trail to trace drug and other proceeds back to their illegal sources and help to identify the sources, volume, and movements of domestic and international currency. The Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the records and reports required by the Bank Secrecy Act have a high degree of usefulness in criminal, tax, or regulatory investigations. The information collected and retained under these regulations and the information collected on form TD F 90-22.1 (as well as other Bank Secrecy Act reporting and recordkeeping requirements that are not the subject of this notice) assist federal, state and local law enforcement in the identification, investigation, and prosecution of individuals involved in money laundering, tax evasion, narcotics trafficking, organized crime, fraud, embezzlement and other crimes. The information also assists in tax collection and examination and other regulatory matters. The implementing regulations have been issued in 31 CFR part 103 and provide, to the extent covered by this control number, as follows:

1. *103.22*—Financial institutions must report transactions in currency that exceed \$10,000 in one business day (103.22(a); 103.27(a), (d), (e); 103.28). Financial institutions must satisfy requirements for exempt customers (103.22(f), (g), and (h)). Financial institutions must keep exemption statements of customers that have been unilaterally exempted from the reporting requirements of 103.22(a) (103.22(d)). Financial institutions may