

by the National Academy of Sciences, Transportation Research Board, whereby representatives of the U.S. domestic transit agencies travel to foreign countries to acquaint themselves with innovative technologies and solutions to transportation challenges. Similar tours could be organized for members of the business community. Moreover, FTA envisions establishing exchange programs which would bring foreign nationals to the United States, both to educate and inform the U.S. transportation industry, and to learn what the U.S. domestic industry may have to offer. This is a particularly promising venue for promoting the export of U.S. goods and services.

#### (6) Trade Missions

FTA could co-sponsor trade missions for various sectors of the U.S. domestic transportation industry either directly or through the auspices of other organizations such as the Commerce Department.

#### (7) Identification of Opportunities

FTA cannot hope to duplicate the resources of either government agencies whose principal function concerns international trade, or large international firms, when it comes to identifying overseas business opportunities. However, FTA can assist those entities in identifying domestic companies which are not yet engaged in international commerce, but could partner with the more sophisticated entities for mutual benefit. Additionally, implementation of our international agreements frequently involves discussion of technical matters that could lead to business opportunities for the U.S. domestic transportation industry.

### III. Request for Comments

FTA is seeking comment on these proposed activities and expressions of interest from all stakeholders with an interest in the IMTP. After consideration of these comments, FTA will publish a final notice describing the activities to be undertaken under the IMTP.

Issued on: June 22, 1999.

**Gordon J. Linton,**  
Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-1999-5857]

#### Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations; Notice and request for Comments

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD) intentions to request approval for three years of an existing information collection entitled "Application for Construction Reserve Fund and Annual Statements."

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before August 27, 1999.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel Ladd, Financial Analyst, Office of Ship Financing, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 8122, Washington, D.C. 20590, telephone number—202-366-5744. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* Application for Construction Reserve Fund and Annual Statements.

*Type of Request:* Approval of an existing information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0032.

*Form Number:* NA.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Three years from the date of approval.

*Summary of Collection of Information:* The collection consists of an application required for all citizens who own or operate vessels in the U.S. foreign or domestic commerce and desire "tax" benefits under the Construction Reserve Fund (CRF) program. The annual statement sets forth a detailed analysis of the status of the CRF when each income tax return is filed. Checks for withdrawals from the CRF must be sent to MARAD for countersignature.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The application is required in order for MARAD to determine whether the applicant is qualified for the benefits and for the applicant to obtain benefits under the CRF program. The annual statements are required from each respondent in order for MARAD to assure that the requirements of the program are being satisfied.

*Description of Respondents:* Citizens who own or operate vessels in the U.S., foreign, or domestic commerce.

*Annual Responses:* 17 responses.

*Annual Burden:* 153 hours.

*Comments:* Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the

top of this document. Written comments maybe submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Specifically, address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the function of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., et. Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Dated: June 22, 1999.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Joel C. Richard,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33758]

#### CSX Transportation, Inc.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated

Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated, a wholly owned subsidiary of Canadian National Railway Company (CN), has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) between CN's connection with Norfolk Southern Railway Company at Ecorse Junction, MI, at or near milepost 47.0, and CN's connection with CSXT at Toledo, OH, at or near milepost 0.6, on CN's Shoreline Subdivision, a total distance of approximately 46.4 miles. CSXT shall also have the right to enter and exit this trackage at the proposed connection between CN and Consolidated Rail Corporation at Denby, MI, at or near CN's milepost 34.1, or at any connection to be mutually agreed upon by CN and CSXT.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or after June 24, 1999.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to improve service to customers by reducing congestion and delay in the West Detroit, Delray, and Ecorse Junction, MI, areas.

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. 33758, 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, one copy of each pleading must be served on Charles M. Rosenberger, Esq., CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street, (J150), Jacksonville, FL 32202.

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

Decided: June 21, 1999.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service

**AGENCY:** Department Offices, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the date and time for the next meeting and the provisional agenda for consideration by the Committee.

**DATES:** The next meeting of the Treasury Advisory Committee on International Child Labor Enforcement will be held on Tuesday, July 13, 1999 at approximately 9:30 a.m. in the Secretary's large conference room, Room 3327, U.S. Treasury Department, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The duration of the meeting will be approximately three hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dennis M. O'Connell, Director, Office of Tariff and Trade Affairs, Office of the Under Secretary (Enforcement), Room 4004, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20220. Tel.: (202) 622-0220. Final

meeting details, including the meeting time, location, and agenda, can be confirmed by contacting the above number one week prior to the meeting date.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Agenda

At the July 13, 1999 session, the Committee is expected to pursue the following agenda. The agenda may be modified prior to the meeting.

1. The President's June 12, 1999 Executive Order prohibiting procurement by the U.S. Government of products made with child labor
2. Legislative proposals to address such issues as the definition of prohibited child labor
3. The new ILO Convention on Child Labor
4. Other Business

The meeting is open to the public; however, participation in the Committee's deliberations is limited to private sector and ex officio Committee members and Customs and Treasury Department staff. A person other than an Advisory Committee member who wishes to attend the meeting should give advance notice by contacting Theresa Manning at (202) 622-0220, no later than July 6, 1999.

Dated: June 22, 1999.

**Dennis M. O'Connell,**

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary  
(Regulatory, Tariff, and Trade Enforcement).

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0061]

### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for

which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to ascertain that the veteran needs the requested supplies, that the supplies are reasonable for the veteran's program, and that the veteran does not already own the supplies.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 27, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0061" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

**Title:** Request for Supplies, VA Form 28-1905m.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0061.

**Type of Review:** Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

**Abstract:** The data collected is used to ascertain that the veteran needs the requested supplies, that the supplies are reasonable for the veteran's program, and that the veteran does not already own the supplies.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions, Business or other for-profit, Farms.