

and driving. NHTSA began measuring the driving age public's attitudes and behaviors regarding drinking and driving in 1991. The proposed study, to be administered in the 3rd quarter of 2003, and the seventh in this series of biennial surveys, will collect data on topics included in the first six studies. These topics include the frequency of drinking and driving; ways to prevent driving after drinking; respondents' perceptions of enforcement of drinking and driving laws, including the use of sobriety checkpoints; and crash and injury experience.

The survey will be administered by telephone to a national probability sample of the driving-age public (aged 16 years or older as of their last birthday). The interview is anticipated to average approximately 20 minutes: For non-drinkers and non-drivers the interview will average below 20 minutes; while for drinker-drivers, it will average slightly over 20 minutes. Interviewers will use a computer assisted telephone interviewing technique (CATI) for reducing survey administration time and to minimize data collection errors. A Spanish-language questionnaire and bi-lingual interviewers will be used to reduce language barriers to participation. Participation by respondents will be voluntary and all respondents' results will remain anonymous and completely confidential. Participant names are not collected during the interview and the telephone number used to reach the respondent is separated from the data record prior to its entry into the analytical database.

The findings from this proposed collection will assist NHTSA in addressing the problem of alcohol-impaired driving, and in formulating programs and recommendations to Congress. NHTSA will use the findings to help focus future programs and activities to achieve improved efficiencies and outcomes. This may involve modifying existing or developing new programs that can decrease the likelihood of drinking and driving behaviors, and to provide informational support to states, localities, and law enforcement agencies in their efforts to reduce impaired driving related traffic crashes and injuries. The requested expiration date of approval is December 31, 2005.

Estimate of the Total Annual Burden Resulting from the Collection of Information: NHTSA estimates that respondents in the sample would require an average of 20 minutes to complete the telephone interview. Thus, estimated reporting burden on the general public would be a total of 2000

hours per year for the proposed study. The respondents would not incur any reporting or record keeping cost from the information collection.

Number of Respondents: It is anticipated that the number of respondents will be 6,000 persons age 16 or older living in the United States.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is 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 collection; 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.

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Associate Administrator for Program Development and Delivery, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34356]

Gregory B. Cundiff, Connie Cundiff, CGX, Inc., and Ironhorse Resources, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Mississippi Tennessee Holdings, LLC and Mississippi Tennessee Railroad, LLC

Gregory B. Cundiff, Connie Cundiff, CGX, Inc. (CGX), and Ironhorse Resources, Inc. (Ironhorse) (collectively, applicants), noncarriers, have filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of Mississippi Tennessee Holdings, LLC (MTH) and Mississippi Tennessee Railroad, LLC (MTR), upon MTH and MTR becoming rail carriers.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or after May 27, 2003, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the notice was filed).

This transaction is related to the concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 34355, *Mississippi Tennessee Holdings, LLC and Mississippi Tennessee Railroad, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Rail Line of Mississippi & Tennessee Railnet, Inc., between Houston, MS, and Middleton, TN, in Chickasaw, Pontotoc, Union and Tippah Counties, MS, and Hardeman County, TN*, wherein MTH and MTR

seek to acquire and operate 87.7 miles of rail line currently owned by Mississippi Tennessee Railnet, Inc.

MTH and MTR are currently owned by CGX, a noncarrier holding company, that owns three carriers: Crystal City Railroad, Inc., Lone Star Railroad, Inc., and Rio Valley Railroad, Inc. CGX also owns Ironhorse, a noncarrier holding company, that owns four carriers: Railroad Switching Service of Missouri, Texas Railroad Switching, Inc., Rio Valley Switching Company, and Southern Switching Company. CGX is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Cundiff, noncarrier individuals.

Applicants state that: (1) The railroads do not connect with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; (2) the continuance in control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the railroads with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. *See* 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2). The purpose of the transaction is to enable MTH and MTR to improve operating efficiency.

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324–25 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Accordingly, the Board may not impose labor protective conditions here, because all of the carriers involved are Class III carriers.

If the verified notice 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. 34356, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas F. McFarland, 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604–1194.

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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 Finance Docket No. 34355]

Mississippi Tennessee Holdings, LLC and Mississippi Tennessee Railroad, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Rail Line of Mississippi & Tennessee Railnet, Inc., Between Houston, MS, and Middleton, TN, in Chickasaw, Pontotoc, Union and Tippah Counties, MS, and Hardeman County, TN

Mississippi Tennessee Holdings, LLC (MTH) and Mississippi Tennessee Railroad, LLC (MTR), noncarriers, have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate an 87.7-mile line of the Mississippi Tennessee Railnet, Inc. (Railnet), extending between milepost GG 281.0 at Houston, in Chickasaw, Pontotoc, Union and Tippah Counties, MS, and milepost GG 368.7 at Middleton in Hardeman County, TN.¹

MTH and MTR certify that MTR's projected annual revenues will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and that its annual revenues are not projected to exceed \$5 million.²

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Task Force; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Task Force will be held on Monday, June 23, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Tuesday, June 24, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Room 230, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Task Force is to conduct an independent review of the VR&E program within the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). The Task Force will provide recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on improving the Department's ability to provide comprehensive services and assistance to veterans with service-connected disabilities and employment handicaps in becoming employable, and obtaining

and maintaining suitable employment. The Task Force will also assess independent living services provided by VBA.

On June 23, VBA officials will make presentations on independent living services, self-employment program, and employment placement services. There will be a panel discussion with VA Regional Office Directors on the status of VR&E programs. The Small Business Administration and VA Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization will provide comment on self-employment opportunities for disabled veterans. On June 24, presentations will be made by the United States Postal Service, AFL-CIO, National Council on Independent Living, and National Organization on Disability with a focus on employment of disabled persons. The Task Force will be briefed by VBA on the G.I. Bill. The Task Force will hear remarks from senior officials from the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education on employing individuals with disabilities. The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities will also provide comment.

No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. Interested parties who wish to attend the meeting should have adequate identification for entry into the building and will be subject to a security screening process. Members of the public may submit written comments for review by the Committee to: Mr. John O'Hara, Executive Director, VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Task Force, VA Office of Policy, Planning, and Preparedness (008B), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Mr. O'Hara can be reached at (202) 273-5130; fax number (202) 273-5991 and e-mail address john.o'hara@mail.va.gov.

Dated: June 4, 2003.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riffin,

Committee Management Officer.

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¹ This proceeding is related to STB Finance Docket No. 34356, *Gregory B. Cundiff, Connie Cundiff, CGX, Inc., and Ironhorse Resources, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Mississippi Tennessee Holdings, LLC and Mississippi Tennessee Railroad, LLC*, wherein Gregory B. Cundiff, Connie Cundiff, CGX, Inc., and Ironhorse Resources, Inc., have concurrently filed a notice of exemption to continue in control of MTH and MTR upon their becoming rail carriers.

² MTR will be the operator of the line.