

and may be made by calling (202) 395-6186.

General information concerning the Office of the United States Trade Representative may be obtained by accessing its Internet Web site (<http://www.ustr.gov>).

**Carmen Suro-Bredie,**

*Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for the West Dowling Road Connection Project located in the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edrie Vinson, Environmental Project Manager, Federal Highway Administration, P O Box 21648, Juneau, AK 99802, (907) 586-7464 or Miriam Tanaka, P.E. Project Manager, ADOT&PF, Box 196900, Anchorage, AK 99519, (907) 269-0546.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the ADOT&PF, will prepare an EIS for the West Dowling Road Connection Project. The ADOT&PF has identified the need to enhance roadway connectivity and construct accessibility improvements in the West Dowling Road Connection Project area. The arterial network in the project area is poorly connected. Of the roads that are classified as arterials, none connect east-west across the project area. The road network that does exist (minor arterials and collectors that feed traffic to the arterials) is discontinuous, which limits accessibility and mobility within and through the project area. East-west barriers to through traffic in the project area are Campbell Creek, the Alaska Railroad tracks, and the controlled-access freeways (New Seward Highway and Minnesota Drive). Because of the limited roadway connections, accessibility is a concern of emergency service providers. For the land uses within the project area, the incomplete road network often results in long and

circuitous trip patterns. The lack of connectivity also hampers neighborhood access to residential areas and truck access to industrial areas. These problems add to traffic congestion on the adjacent street network. The project is identified in Anchorage's long-range transportation plan. As such, the improvement is an important component of maintaining compliance with federal carbon monoxide (CO) standards (Anchorage was recently reclassified from nonattainment to maintenance for CO).

A number of alternatives have been identified through a planning and scoping process. The EIS will examine the No-Build alternative and three build alternatives.

Project planning for the West Dowling Road Connection Project has been underway since 2002 with preliminary engineering and a public and agency scoping process. Stakeholder interviews held in August of 2002 provided an early, informal opportunity to meet with agency representatives to assess their expectations for involvement and to begin identifying agency-specific issues/concerns regarding the project. An initial round of public and agency scoping meetings was held on October 30, 2002. The second set of public and agency scoping meetings was held on May 14, 2003. A scoping summary report summarizing the public and agency scoping was published in November of 2003 and is available at the following Web site: <http://www.dowlingroad.com>.

Based on project issues and on public and agency involvement to date, the FHWA has determined an EIS is required. Official notice of agency and public scoping for the EIS will be issued in the near future. A public hearing will be held following the publication of the Draft EIS. Notice of the availability of the Draft EIS and date and location of the hearing will be published in the **Federal Register** and in the Anchorage Daily News. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Issued on: September 28, 2004.

**David C. Miller,**

*Division Administrator, Juneau, Alaska.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34545]

#### Genesee & Wyoming, Inc.— Continuance in Control Exemption— Tazewell & Peoria Railroad, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of Exemption.

**SUMMARY:** The Board grants an exemption, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323-25 for Genesee & Wyoming, Inc. (GWI), a noncarrier, to continue in control of Tazewell & Peoria Railroad, Inc. (TPR), upon TPR's becoming a rail carrier pursuant to a related transaction involving the lease and operation of a line of the Peoria and Pekin Union Railway Company.<sup>1</sup> GWI is a holding company that directly or indirectly controls 1 Class II rail carrier, 21 operating Class III rail carriers, and 4 non-operating Class III rail carriers. A line of one of GWI's subsidiaries, Illinois & Midland Railroad, Inc., connects at Pekin, IL, with the line to be leased by TPR in the related transaction.

**DATES:** This exemption will be effective on October 28, 2004. Petitions to stay must be filed by October 15, 2004. Petitions to reopen must be filed by October 22, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send an original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34545, to: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of pleadings to Jo A. DeRoche, Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 19th Street, NW., Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1609.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric S. Davis, (202) 565-1600 [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339].

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, e-mail or call: ASAP Document Solutions, 9332 Annapolis Rd., Suite 103, Lanham, MD 20706; e-mail [asapdc@verizon.net](mailto:asapdc@verizon.net); telephone (301) 577-2600. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS at 1-800-877-8339.]

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<sup>1</sup> See *Tazewell & Peoria Railroad, Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Peoria and Pekin Union Railway Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 34544 (STB served Sept. 28, 2004).

Decided: September 30, 2004.

By the Board, Chairman Nober, Vice Chairman Mulvey, and Commissioner Buttrey.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34554]

#### Union Pacific Railroad Company— Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF), pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement entered into between BNSF and Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), has agreed to grant local trackage rights to UP<sup>1</sup> over a BNSF line of railroad extending from BNSF milepost 579.3 near Mill Creek, OK, to BNSF milepost 631.1 near Joe Junction, TX, a distance of approximately 51 miles.<sup>2</sup>

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on September 24, 2004.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to permit UP to move loaded and empty ballast trains for use in its maintenance-of-way projects.

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. 34554 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 Robert T. Opal, 1400 Douglas Street, STOP 1580, Omaha, NE 68179.

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Decided: September 29, 2004.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request—Operating Subsidiary

**AGENCY:** Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before November 8, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to OMB and OTS at these addresses: Mark D. Menchik, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or e-mail to [mmenchik@omb.eop.gov](mailto:mmenchik@omb.eop.gov); and Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, by fax to (202) 906-6518, or by e-mail to [infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov](mailto:infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov). OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at [www.ots.treas.gov](http://www.ots.treas.gov). In addition, interested persons may inspect

comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to [publicinfo@ots.treas.gov](mailto:publicinfo@ots.treas.gov), or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To obtain a copy of the submission to OMB, contact Marilyn K. Burton at [marilyn.burton@ots.treas.gov](mailto:marilyn.burton@ots.treas.gov), (202) 906-6467, or facsimile number (202) 906-6518, Regulations and Legislation Division, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

*Title of Proposal:* Operating Subsidiary.

*OMB Number:* 1550-0077.

*Form Number:* OTS Forms 1579.

*Regulation requirement:* 12 CFR Part 559.

*Description:* 12 CFR Part 559 requires a savings association proposing to establish or acquire an operating subsidiary or conduct new activities in an existing operating subsidiary to either notify OTS or obtain the prior approval of OTS. The regulation also requires a savings association to create and maintain certain documents.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Affected Public:* Savings Associations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 68.

*Estimated Frequency of Response:* Event-generated.

*Estimated Burden Hours per Response:* 14 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden:* 952 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Marilyn K. Burton, (202) 906-6467, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

*OMB Reviewer:* Mark D. Menchik, (202) 395-3176, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 30, 2004.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

**Richard M. Riccobono,**

*Deputy Director.*

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<sup>1</sup> The trackage rights are only temporary rights, but, because they are "local" rather than "overhead" rights, they do not qualify for the Board's class exemption for temporary trackage rights at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8). See *Railroad Consolidation Procedures—Exemption for Temporary Trackage Rights*, STB Ex Parte No. 282 (Sub-No. 20) (STB served May 23, 2003). Therefore, UP has concurrently filed a petition for partial revocation of this exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 34554 (Sub-No. 1), *Union Pacific Railroad Company—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company*, wherein UP requests that the Board permit the proposed local trackage rights arrangement described in this notice to expire on or about December 31, 2004. That petition will be addressed by the Board in a separate decision.

<sup>2</sup> The trackage rights involve BNSF subdivisions with non-contiguous mileposts. Therefore, total mileage does not correspond to the milepost designations of the endpoints.