

of Automotive Engineers guidelines for commercial vehicles; and (3) placement of video event recorders just below the larger swept area of the wipers will be well outside of useable driver's sight lines, and will not negatively affect safety. The Agency believes that the potential safety gains from the use of video event recorders to improve driver behavior will improve the overall level of safety to the motoring public.

The Agency hereby grants the exemption for a two-year period, beginning March 19, 2009 and ending March 21, 2011.

During the exemption period, Greyhound must ensure that all video event recorders are mounted not more than 50 mm (2 inches) below the upper edge of the area swept by the windshield wipers, and outside the driver's sight lines to the road and highway signs and signals.

Interested parties possessing information that would demonstrate that Greyhound is not achieving the requisite statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any such information and, if safety is being compromised or if the continuation of the exemption is not consistent with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b) and 31136(e), will take immediate steps to revoke Greyhound's exemption, if warranted.

Preemption

During the period the exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with or is inconsistent with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption.

Issued on: March 12, 2009.

Rose A. McMurray,
Acting Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Informational Filing

For informational purposes only, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is providing notice that it has received an informational filing from BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) to continue testing Version II of the railroad's Electronic Train Management System (ETMS) submitted pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations § 236.913. The informational filing is described below, including the submitting party and the requisite docket number where the informational filing and any related

information may be found. The document is available for public inspection; however, FRA is not accepting public comment on the document.

BNSF Railway Company (Docket Number FRA-2006-23687)

The BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) has submitted an informational filing to FRA to extend operational testing of ETMS Version II on to its Wichita Falls Subdivision. This continued testing will allow BNSF to obtain the necessary information required to amend its currently approved Product Safety Plan for ETMS Version I for a future submittal to FRA. The informational filing has been placed under Docket Number FRA-2006-23687 and is available for public inspection.

Interested parties are invited to review the informational filing and associated documents at the DOT Docket Management facility during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications received into any of our dockets by name of the individual submitting the document (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78).

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Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,
Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2009-0014]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's)

approval of the following new information collection:

Grant Accrual Surveys of FTA Grantees

The information to be collected is necessary to determine the grantees' average billing cycle for various FTA programs and projects and the amount payable to the grantees at the end of the accounting period. FTA will use the information to calculate a reasonable grant accrual liability estimate that will be included in its financial statements. This will satisfy the requirements of the financial statements audit and the Chief Financial Officer Act.

The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments was published on December 19, 2008.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before April 20, 2009. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sylvia L. Marion, Office of Administration, Office of Management Planning, (202) 366-6680.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) administers over 40 programs which include Formula grants, New Starts, Fixed Guideway Modernization and the Bus and Bus Facilities Program. FTA is required to estimate and record accrued liability and expenses in its financial statements for grant expenses incurred but not yet submitted to FTA for reimbursement by grantees. This is required by the Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary, and the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board guidelines. The surveys covered in this request will provide FTA with a means to gather data directly from its grantees. The information obtained from the surveys will be used to assess how FTA estimates the amount owed to its grantees at the end of each accounting period. FTA needs the survey information to meet its Chief Financial Officer's Act financial statement audit requirements. The surveys will be limited to data collections that solicit voluntary opinions and will not involve information that is required by regulations.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 750 hours.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, *Attention:* FTA Desk Officer.

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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Ann M. Linnertz,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 261)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment—in New Madrid, Scott, and Stoddard Counties, MO

On February 27, 2009, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed with the Board an application for permission to abandon its Essex to Miner Line, extending from milepost 196.7, near Essex, to milepost 216.27, near Miner, a distance of 19.57 miles, in New Madrid, Scott, and Stoddard Counties, MO (the line).¹ The line includes the stations of Hunterville (milepost 198.7), Morehouse (milepost 205.4), Sikeston (milepost 211.4), and Miner (milepost 214.5), and traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 63846, 63801, and 63868.

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

This line of railroad has appeared on UP's system diagram map or has been included in its narrative in category 1 since January 16, 2008.

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

Any interested person may file with the Surface Transportation Board written comments concerning the proposed abandonment or protests

(including the protestant's entire opposition case), by April 13, 2009. 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) and any request for a trail use condition under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) (49 CFR 1152.29) must be filed by April 13, 2009. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$200 filing fee. *See* 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27). Applicant's reply to any opposition statements and its response to trail use requests must be filed by April 28, 2009. *See* 49 CFR 1152.26(a). A final decision will be issued by June 17, 2009.

Persons opposing the proposed abandonment who wish to participate actively and fully in the process should file a protest. Persons who may oppose the abandonment but who do not wish to participate fully in the process by submitting verified statements of witnesses containing detailed evidence should file comments. Persons seeking information concerning the filing of protests should refer to 49 CFR 1152.25. 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, pursuant to 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.

Written comments and protests, including all requests for public use and trail use conditions, must indicate the proceeding designation STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 261) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001, and (2) Gabriel S. Meyer, Assistant General Attorney, 1400 Douglas Street, STOP 1580, Omaha, NE 68179. 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 49 CFR 1152, every document filed with the Board must be served on all parties to the abandonment proceeding. 49 CFR 1104.12(a).

The line sought to be abandoned will be available for subsidy or sale for

continued rail use, if the Board decides to permit the abandonment, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations (49 U.S.C. 10904 and 49 CFR 1152.27). Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,500 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. UP's representative to whom inquiries may be made concerning sale or subsidy terms is set forth above.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (866) 254-1792 or refer to the full abandonment regulations at 49 CFR 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 245-0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-9339.]

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. Any other persons who would like to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS) may contact SEA. EAs in this type of abandonment proceeding 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.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "<http://www.stb.dot.gov>."

Decided: March 13, 2009.

By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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¹In addition to the 19.57 miles of branch line, the line includes approximately 4.4 miles of sidings and industrial track.