

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board****[STB Finance Docket No. 35315]****Standard Railroad Corporation—
Acquisition and Operation
Exemption—General Railway
Corporation d/b/a Iowa Northwestern
Railroad**

Standard Railroad Corporation (SRC), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from General Railway Corporation d/b/a Iowa Northwestern Railroad (IANW), and to operate a rail line approximately 0.4 miles long. The line extends between milepost 215.0, west of Superior, and milepost 215.4, west of Mackenzie Junction, in Dickinson County, IA.

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or after December 4, 2009 (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

SRC certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in SRC becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier. SRC further certifies that its projected annual revenues upon becoming a Class III carrier will not exceed \$5 million.

Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law 110-161, § 193, 121 Stat. 1844 (2007), nothing in this decision authorizes the following activities at any solid waste rail transfer facility: collecting, storing, or transferring solid waste outside of its original shipping container; or separating or processing solid waste (including baling, crushing, compacting, and shredding). The term “solid waste” is defined in section 1004 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. 6903.

If SRC's 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 effectiveness of the exemption. Stay petitions must be filed no later than November 27, 2009 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35315, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Fritz R. Kahn, Fritz R. Kahn P.C., 1920 N Street, NW, (8th floor), Washington, DC 20036.

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

Decided: November 17, 2009.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Kulunie L. Cannon,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Transit Administration****[FTA Docket No. FTA-2009-0055]****Notice of Request for the Approval of
Information Collection**

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the following information collection:

49 U.S.C. 5308—Clean Fuels Grant Program.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before January 19, 2010.

ADDRESSES: To ensure that your comments are not entered more than once into the docket, submit comments identified by the docket number by only one of the following methods:

1. *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the U.S. Government electronic docket site. (**Note:** The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT's) electronic docket is no longer accepting electronic comments.) All electronic submissions must be made to the U.S. Government electronic docket site at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Commenters should follow the directions below for mailed and hand-delivered comments.

2. *Fax:* 202-366-7951.

3. *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

4. *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: You must include the agency name and docket number for this notice at the beginning of your comments. Submit two copies of your comments if you submit them by mail.

For confirmation that FTA has received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Note that all comments received, including any personal information, will be posted and will be available to Internet users, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents and comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Background documents and comments received may also be viewed at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kimberly Sledge, FTA Office of Program Management (202) 366-2053, or *e-mail:* kimberly.sledge@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

Title: 49 U.S.C. Section 5308—Clean Fuels Grant Program (**OMB Number:** 2132-NEW).

Background: The Section 5308 Clean Fuels Grant Program was initiated as a formula program under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) in June 1998. The program was reauthorized in August 2005 under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) as a grant program. The program supports the development and deployment of clean fuel and advanced propulsion technologies for transit buses by providing funds for clean fuel vehicles and facilities. To meet program oversight responsibilities, FTA needs information on the operations and performance of clean fuel technology buses to help assess the reliability,

benefits and costs of these technologies compared to conventional vehicle technologies.

Respondents: State and local government and public transportation authorities located in areas designated as non-attainment or maintenance for ozone or carbon monoxide.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 32 hours for each respondent.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 512.
Frequency: Semi-annual.

Issued: November 16, 2009.

Ann M. Linnertz,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35237]

City of Davenport, IA—Construction and Operation Exemption—in Scott County, IA

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Correction to Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to the title of the Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment served and published in the **Federal Register** on Monday, October 26, 2009 (74 FR 55085) by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis. That notice, published in this docket, was titled "Eastern Iowa Industrial Center Rail Project—Construction and Operation Exemption—City of Davenport, Iowa." The correct title should read, "City of Davenport, IA—Construction and Operation Exemption—in Scott County, IA."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christa Dean, (202) 245-0299.
[Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: (800) 877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 26, 2009, the Board served a Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment in this docket. The notice is related to a petition filed on July 21, 2009, by the City of Davenport, IA, seeking an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements¹ of 49

U.S.C. 10901 to construct approximately 2.8 miles of rail line in Scott County, IA. The Board instituted a proceeding in this matter under 49 U.S.C. 10502(b) by decision served October 19, 2009. This notice corrects the title of the Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment.

Decided: November 16, 2009.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Kulunie L. Cannon,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-331 (Sub-No. 1X)]

Bi-State Development Agency of the Missouri-Illinois Metropolitan District—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in the City of St. Louis, MO

On November 2, 2009, Bi-State Development Agency of the Missouri-Illinois Metropolitan District (Bi-State) filed with the Surface Transportation Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to discontinue service over a 1.43-mile line of railroad extending from milepost 1.8 in St. Louis, MO, to milepost 3.23 in St. Louis, MO. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 63110 and 63108.¹

According to Bi-State, the line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in Bi-State's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

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).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by February 19, 2010.

¹ Bi-State initially filed this petition for exemption on October 1, 2009, but supplemented it on November 2, 2009, to comply with the newspaper publication requirements of 49 CFR 1105.12. Under that provision, a petitioner must notify the public by publishing a notice of the proposed action in a newspaper of general circulation in each county that the line traverses and must certify to the Board that it has done so by the date its petition is filed. On November 2, 2009, Bi-State certified to the Board that it has satisfied the newspaper publication requirement. Therefore, November 2, 2009, will be considered the official filing date of the petition for exemption.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) to subsidize continued rail service will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each offer must be accompanied by a \$1,500 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).²

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-331 (Sub-No. 1X), and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Theodore J. Williams, Jr., Williams Venker & Sanders LLC, 100 North Broadway, Suite 2100, St. Louis, MO 63102. Replies to the Bi-State petition are due on or before December 10, 2009.

Persons seeking further information concerning discontinuance procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0230 or refer to the full abandonment and 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) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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Decided: November 13, 2009.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Anne K. Quinlan,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Intermodal Transit Improvements in Hercules, CA

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

² Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Similarly, no environmental or historic documentation is required under 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(2) and 1105.8.

¹ In an amendment filed on September 8, 2009, the City clarified that it also seeks operation authority.