

includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Under § 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, Federal agencies are required, prior to submitting a collection to OMB for approval, to provide a 60-day notice and comment period through publication in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

Dated: June 1, 2015.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35933]

Watco Holdings, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Lubbock and Western Railway, L.L.C.

Watco Holdings, Inc. (Watco), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of Lubbock and Western Railway, L.L.C. (LWR), upon LWR's becoming a Class III rail carrier. Watco owns, indirectly, 100 percent of the issued and outstanding stock of LWR, a limited liability company.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *Lubbock & Western Railway—Acquisition & Operation Exemption—West Texas & Lubbock Railway*, Docket No. FD 35932, wherein LWR seeks Board approval (1) to acquire and operate approximately 9.5 miles of rail line and to lease approximately 134.75 miles of rail line from West Texas and Lubbock Railway Company, Inc., and West Texas and Lubbock Railroad Company, Inc. (WTLR), between specified points in Texas; and (2) to acquire by assignment approximately 5 miles of trackage rights that WTLR currently has over BNSF Railway Company's line between Canyon Jct., and Broadview, Tex.

The transaction may be consummated on or after June 20, 2015, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the notice of exemption was filed).

Watco is a Kansas corporation that currently controls, indirectly, 30 Class III rail carriers and one Class II rail carrier, collectively operating in 22 states. For a complete list of these rail carriers, and the states in which they

operate, see Watco's notice of exemption filed on May 21, 2015. The notice is available on the Board's Web site at "www.stb.dot.gov."

Watco represents that: (1) The rail lines to be operated by LWR do not connect with any of the rail lines operated by the carriers in the Watco corporate family; (2) the continuance in control is not a part of a series of anticipated transactions that would result in such a connection; 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).

Watco states that the purpose of the transaction is to reduce overhead expenses, coordinate billing, maintenance, mechanical, and personnel policies and practices of its rail carrier subsidiaries, and thereby improve the overall efficiency of rail service provided by the railroads in the Watco corporate family.

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. Because the transaction involves the control of one Class II and one or more Class III rail carriers, the transaction is subject to the labor protection requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11326(b) and *Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Acquisition Exemption—Lines of Union Pacific Railroad*, 2 S.T.B. 218 (1997).

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 effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed by June 12, 2015 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35933, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Karl Morell, 655 Fifteenth Street NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

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Decided: June 2, 2015.

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

Brendetta S. Jones,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35930]

Texas New Mexico Railway, L.L.C.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Austin & Northwestern Railroad Company, Inc.

Texas New Mexico Railway, L.L.C. (TNMR),¹ a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Austin & Northwestern Railway Company, Inc. (ANR), and to operate, approximately 104.191 miles of rail line between milepost 0.079 at Monahans, Tex., and milepost 104.27 at Lovington, NM.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *Watco Holdings, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Texas New Mexico Railway*, Docket No. FD 35931, wherein Watco Holdings, Inc., seeks Board approval under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of TNMR, upon TNMR's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

TNMR states that the agreement between TNMR and ANR does not contain any provision that prohibits TNMR from interchanging traffic with a third party or limits TNMR's ability to interchange with a third party.

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or after the effective date of the exemption.

TNMR has certified that this transaction will not result in TNMR's becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier. Because TNMR's projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million, TNMR certified to the Board on May 19, 2015, that it had complied with the requirements of 49 CFR 1150.32(e) on May 18, 2015, by providing notice to employees on the affected line.² Under 49 CFR 1150.32(e), this exemption cannot become effective until 60 days after the requirements of that section have been satisfied (here, July 18, 2015).

If the 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. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than July 10, 2015 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD

¹ TNMR is a new, wholly owned, subsidiary of Watco Holdings, Inc.

² In its May 19 letter to the Board, TNMR stated that there are no union employees at ANR.

35930 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 Karl Morell, Karl Morell & Associates, 655 Fifteenth Street NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

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Decided: June 1, 2015.

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

Brendetta S. Jones,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Bank Appeals Follow-Up Questionnaire

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a new information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

In accordance with the requirements of the PRA, the OCC may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OCC is soliciting comment concerning collection of new information titled, "Bank Appeals Follow-Up Questionnaire."

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 4, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Because paper mail in the Washington, DC area and at the OCC is subject to delay, commenters are encouraged to submit comments by email, if possible. Comments may be sent to: Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Attention: 1557-NEW, 400 7th Street SW., Suite 3E-218, Mail Stop 9W-11, Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (571) 465-4326 or by electronic mail to prainfo@occ.treas.gov.

You may personally inspect and photocopy comments at the OCC, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20219. For security reasons, the OCC requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect comments. You may do so by calling (202) 649-6700. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification and submit to security screening in order to inspect and photocopy comments.

All comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Do not include any information in your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shaquita Merritt, Clearance Officer, (202) 649-5490, for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, TTY, (202) 649-5597, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Bank Appeals Follow-Up Questionnaire.

OMB Control No.: To be assigned by OMB.

Type of Review: Regular.

Description: The OCC's Office of the Ombudsman (Ombudsman) is committed to assessing its efforts to provide a fair and expeditious appeal process to institutions under OCC supervision. To perform this assessment, it is necessary to obtain feedback from individual appellant institutions on the effectiveness of the Ombudsman's current efforts to provide a fair and expeditious appeals process and suggestions to enhance the bank appeals process. The Ombudsman will use the information gathered to assess adherence to OCC Bulletin 2013-15, "Bank Appeals Process," dated June 7, 2013, for each appeal submitted and to enhance its bank appeals program.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Burden Estimates:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15.

Estimated Number of Responses: 15.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2.5 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the collections of information are necessary for the proper

performance of the OCC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the OCC's estimates of the burden of the information collections, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of information collections on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

(e) Estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: June 1, 2015.

Mary H. Gottlieb,

Regulatory Specialist, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Taxpayer Assistance Center Improvements Project Committee

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Taxpayer Assistance Center Improvements Project Committee will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, July 8, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Otis Simpson at 1-888-912-1227 or 202-317-3332.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that a meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Taxpayer Assistance Center Improvements Project Committee will be held Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The public is invited to make oral comments or submit written statements for consideration. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate must be made with Otis Simpson. For more information please