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**Raymond R. Posten,**

*Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 331 (Sub-No. 2X)]

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

The Bi-State Development Agency of the Missouri-Illinois Metropolitan District (Metro) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon 1.43 miles of rail line extending from milepost 1.8 to milepost 3.23 within the City of St. Louis, Missouri (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 63110 and 63108.

Metro has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years, and if there were any overhead traffic, it could be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court, or has been decided in favor of complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(c) (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial

assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on January 8, 2016, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and interim trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by December 21, 2015. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by December 29, 2015, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to Metro's representative: James C. Hetlage, Lashly & Baer, P.C., 714 Locust Street, St. Louis, MO 63101.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

Metro has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by December 14, 2015. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to OEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling OEA at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), Metro shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by Metro's filing of a notice of consummation by December 9, 2016, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

<sup>1</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C. 2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>2</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,600. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "[WWW.STB.DOT.GOV](http://WWW.STB.DOT.GOV)."

Decided: December 4, 2015.

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

**Brendetta S. Jones,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket Number: RITA-2008-0002]

#### Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R); Agency Information Collection Activity; Notice of Renewal To Continue To Collect Information: Confidential Close Call Reporting for a Transit System

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research Technology (OST-R), U.S. Department of Transportation.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the BTS to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the continuation of the following information collection: Confidential Close Call Reporting for a Transit System. This data collection effort supports a multi-year program focused on improving transit safety by collecting and analyzing data and information on close calls and other unsafe occurrences in the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) system. The program is co-sponsored by WMATA's Office of the Deputy General Manager Operations (DGMO) and the President/Business Agent of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 689. It is designed to identify safety issues and propose preventative safety actions based on voluntary reports of close calls submitted confidentially to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), U.S. Department of Transportation. This information collection is necessary to aid WMATA/ATU in systematically collecting and analyzing data to identify root causes of potentially unsafe events.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by January 8, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** *BTS seeks public* comments on its proposed continuation of information collection. Comments

should address whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the estimated burden hours 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. Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: BTS Desk Officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Demetra V. Collia, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R), U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Statistical and Economic Analysis (OSEA), RTS-31, E36-302, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001; Phone No. (202) 366-1610; Fax No. (202) 366-3383; email: [demetra.collia@dot.gov](mailto:demetra.collia@dot.gov). Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Data Confidentiality Provisions:* The confidentiality of Close Calls data is protected under the BTS confidentiality statute (49 U.S.C. 111(k)) and the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA) of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-347, Title V). In accordance with these confidentiality statutes, only statistical and non-identifying data will be made publicly available through reports. Further, BTS will not release to FRA or any other public or private entity any information that might reveal the identity of individuals or organizations mentioned in close call reports.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. The Data Collection**

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35; as amended) and 5 CFR part 1320 require each Federal agency to obtain OMB approval to continue an information collection activity. BTS is seeking OMB approval for the following BTS information collection activity:

*Title:* Confidential Close Call Reporting for a Transit System.

*OMB Control Number:* 2139-0010.

*Type of Review:* Approval to continue to collect data.

*Respondents:* WMATA Employees.

*Number of Respondents:* 100 (per annum).

*Estimated Time per Response:* 60 minutes.

*Frequency:* Intermittent for approximately five (5) years. (Reports

are submitted when there is a qualifying event, *i.e.* a close call occurs within WMATAs Transit System.

*Total Annual Burden:* 100 hours.

Please note that the 60 day notice was incorrectly posted as a Notice of Request for approval to Collect New Information: Confidential Close Call Reporting for Transit System. Also, the Confidential Close Call Program has been renamed the Close Call Data Program (CCDP). Confidential Close Call Reporting and CCDP are one in the same in all other aspects identical.

**II. Public Participation and Request for Public Comments**

On September 1, 2015, BTS published a notice (80 FR 52846) encouraging interested parties to submit comments to docket number RITA-2008-0002 and allowing for a 60-day comment period. The comment period closed on November 2, 2015. To view comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and insert the docket number, "RITA-2008-0002" in the "Search" box and click "Search." Next, click "Open Docket Folder" button and choose document listed to review. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may view the docket by visiting the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Privacy Act*

All comments the BTS received were posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3316), or you may visit <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-785.pdf>.

**III. Discussion of Public Comments and BTS Responses**

BTS announced on September 1, 2015, in a **Federal Register** Notice (80 FR 52846), its intention to request that OMB approve the following continuation of information collection: Confidential Close Call Reporting for a Transit System. BTS received no comments during the 60-day public comment period.

Issued on: December 2, 2015.

**Patricia Hu,**

*Director, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Internal Revenue Service**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Notice 2000-28**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, 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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Notice 2000-28, Coal Exports.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before February 8, 2016 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Christie Preston, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to LaNita Van Dyke at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6517, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at [Lanita.VanDyke@irs.gov](mailto:Lanita.VanDyke@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Coal Exports.

*Notice Number:* 1545-1690.

*Abstract:* Notice 2000-28 provides guidance relating to the coal excise tax imposed by section 4121 of the Internal Revenue Code. The notice provides rules under the Code for making a nontaxable sale of coal for export or for obtaining a credit or refund when tax has been paid with respect to a nontaxable sale of coal for export.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the notice at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other-for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 400.