DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Surface Transportation Board
[Docket No. FD 35982]
Jackson County, Mo.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Jackson County, Mo. (Jackson County), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Union Pacific Railroad Company and to operate, approximately 17.7 miles of rail line.

The transaction may not be consummated until January 22, 2016 (30 days after the notice of exemption was filed).

Jackson County certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in its becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier and will not exceed $5 million.

Jackson County states that the agreement between the parties does not contain any provision that prohibits it from interchanging traffic with a third party or limits its ability to interchange with a third party.

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 to stay must be filed no later than January 15, 2016 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35982, 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 Kevin M. Sheys, 1606 K St. NW., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20006.

According to Jackson County, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c).

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at www.STB.DOT.GOV.

Decided: December 30, 2015.
By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.
Tia Delano,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Office of the Secretary
30-Day Notice of Request for Renewal of a Previously Approved Collection

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OST), Department of Transportation (Department) or (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) approval to renew a collection.

The collection renewal request includes one Short Term Lending Program (STLP) application used for both new loan guarantee applicants and renewal loan guarantee applicants. The information collected in the STLP application will determine the applicant’s eligibility and is necessary to approve or deny a loan. We are required to publish this notice in the Federal Register by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 8, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit your comments identified by DOT–OST–2015–0211 by any of the following methods:

Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

- email: oira_submission@omb.eop.gov
- Fax: (202) 395–5806. Attention: DOT/OST Desk Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: JohnRalston, Manager, Financial Assistance Division, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, Routing Symbol S–40, 202–366–5577 (phone) or john.ralston@dot.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Short Term Lending Program Application for a Loan Guarantee.

OMB Control No.: 2105–0555.

Background: OSDBU’s Short Term Lending Program (STLP) offers certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and other certified Small Businesses (8a, women-owned, small disadvantaged, HUBZone, veteran owned, and service disabled veteran owned) the opportunity to obtain short term working capital at variable interest rates for transportation-related projects. The STLP provides Participating Lenders (PLs) a guarantee, up to 75%, on a revolving line of credit up to a $750,000 maximum. These loans are provided through lenders that serve as STLP PLs. The term on the line of credit is up to one (1) year, which may be renewed for five (5) years. A potential or renewal STLP participant must submit a guaranteed loan application package. The guaranteed loan application includes the STLP application, checklist, and instructions.

Respondents: Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and other certified Small Businesses (8a, women-owned, small disadvantaged, HUBZone, veteran owned, and service disabled veteran owned) interested in financing their transportation-related contracts.

DOT Form 2301–1(REV.1): Short Term Lending Program Application for Loan Guarantee: A potential or renewal STLP participant must submit a guaranteed loan application package. The guaranteed loan application includes the STLP application and supporting documentation to be collected from the checklist in the application. The application may be obtained directly from OSDBU, the Regional Small Business Transportation Resource Centers, from a PL, or online from the agency’s Web site, currently at http://www.transportation.gov/osdbu/financial-assistance/short-term-lending-program.

Respondents: Small Businesses, 100. Frequency: Once. Estimated Average Burden per Response: 2 hours. Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200 hours.

Supporting documentation: Required documentation shall include, but is not limited to, the following items:

- a. Business, trade, or job performance reference letters;
- b. DBE or other eligible certification letters;
- c. Aging report of receivables and payables;
- d. Business tax returns;
- e. Business financial statements;
- f. Personal income tax returns;
- g. Letters of credit.

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1 Jackson County, doing business as Rock Island Rail Corridor Authority, will be the operator on the line.