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On Tuesday, February 3, 2004, from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. e.s.t., the THLPSSC and the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee will meet in joint session and continue on Wednesday, February 4, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. e.s.t. OPS will provide the Committees with briefings on the following topics:

1. Periodic Underwater Inspections
2. Annual Update of Standards Incorporated by Reference
3. Pipeline Industry Implementation of Effective Public Awareness (API 1162)
4. Amendments to Operator Qualification.
5. 2005 Budget Proposal and Departmental Reorganization
6. Pipeline Research and Development Program
7. Common Ground Alliance Update
8. Inspector General and General Accounting Office Reports
9. National Pipeline Mapping System
10. National Pipeline Security Preparedness
11. Safety Orders and Penalty Structure
12. Fire Marshals Project
13. Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT)
14. Energy Impacts

On Thursday, February 5, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. e.s.t. the TPSSC will meet. The TPSSC will vote on the Cost Benefit for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the Passage of Internal Inspection Devices. The TPSSC will also be provided briefings on the following topics:

1. Pipeline Integrity Management for Gas Transmission Pipelines in High Consequence Areas (Final Rule)
2. Pipeline Direct Assessment
3. Gas Gathering Line Definition
4. Gas Transmission Definition
5. Excess Flow Valves
6. Waivers for Class Location
7. Permit Project and Best Management Practices
8. Integrity Management Tracking System
9. Controller Project
10. Fatigue

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 60102, 60115.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 24, 2003.

Richard D. Huriaux,
Manager, Regulations, Office of Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34445]

Lehigh Valley Rail Management, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Rail Lines in Pennsylvania

Lehigh Valley Rail Management, LLC (LVRM), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate approximately 170.079 miles of rail line owned by ISG Railways, Inc. (ISGR).¹ LVRM will acquire and operate the following rail lines: (1) An approximately 132-mile line in Northampton County, PA, formerly operated by Keystone Railroad, LLC, comprised of yard and switching tracks, with no assigned mileposts; (2) an approximately 32-mile line in Cambria County, PA, formerly operated by Conemaugh & Black Lick Railroad, LLC, comprised of yard and switching tracks, with no assigned mileposts; and (3)(a) an approximately 4.5-mile line extending between approximately milepost 6.4 at Edensburg Junction and approximately milepost 10.45189, and (b) an approximately 1.579-mile connecting segment between milepost 15.355 (RJCP milepost 10.45189) and approximately milepost 16.934, in Cambria County, formerly operated by Cambria and Indiana Railroad, Inc.

LVRM certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and that such revenues will not exceed \$5 million annually.

Consummation of the transaction was scheduled to take place on or after December 17, 2003, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

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

¹ In May 2003, ISGR acquired the rail lines and substantially all other assets of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation subsidiary railroads. See *ISG Railways, Inc.—Acquisition of Control Exemption—Assets of Keystone Railroad LLC d/b/a Philadelphia, Bethlehem and New England Railroad Company, Conemaugh & Black Lick Railroad Company LLC, Steelton & Highspire Railroad Company LLC, Lake Michigan & Indiana Railroad Company LLC, Brandywine Valley Railroad Company LLC, Upper Merion & Plymouth Railroad Company LLC, Patapsco & Back Rivers Railroad Company LLC, and Cambria and Indiana Railroad, Inc.*, STB Finance Docket No. 34344 (STB served May 22, 2003). In this proceeding, ISGR has agreed to transfer to LVRM three of the subsidiary railroads along with related assets.

a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34445, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Eric M. Hocky, Four Penn Center, Suite 200, 1600 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19103-2808.

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

Decided: December 22, 2003.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Office of Thrift Supervision

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request—CRA Sunshine

AGENCIES: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board); Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC); and Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Joint notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the OCC, Board, FDIC, and OTS (collectively, the Agencies) may not conduct or sponsor, and a 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 Agencies hereby give notice that they plan to submit information collections regarding their respective CRA Sunshine (Disclosure and Reporting of CRA-Related Agreements) regulations to OMB for review and approval.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before January 30, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You should direct your comments to:

OCC: Public Information Room, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Mailstop 1-5, Attention: 1557-0219, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. Due to delays in paper mail delivery in the Washington area, commenters are encouraged to submit their comments by fax to (202) 874-4448, or by e-mail to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. You can make an appointment to inspect the comments by calling (202) 874-5043 for an appointment.

Board: Comments may be mailed to Ms. Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20551. However, because paper mail in the Washington area and at the Board of Governors is subject to delay, please consider submitting your comments by e-mail to

regs.comments@federalreserve.gov, or faxing them to the Office of the Secretary at (202) 452-3819 or (202) 452-3102. Members of the public may inspect comments in Room MP-500 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays pursuant to § 261.12, except as provided in § 261.14, of the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information, 12 CFR 261.12 and 261.14.

FDIC: Steven F. Hanft, (202) 898-3907, Legal Division (Consumer and Compliance Unit), Room MB-3064, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429. All comments should refer to the OMB control number 3064-1039. Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street building (located on F Street) on business days between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

OTS: Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, by fax to (202) 906-6518, or by e-mail to infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov. OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet site at www.ots.treas.gov. In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to publicinfo@ots.treas.gov, or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

OMB Desk Officer: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, or e-mail to jlackey@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You can request additional information or a copy of the collection from:

OCC: John Ference, Acting OCC Clearance Officer, (202) 874-4824, Legislative & Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219.

Board: Cindy Ayouch, Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer, (202) 452-3829, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact (202) 263-4869, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551.

FDIC: Steven F. Hanft, FDIC Clearance Officer, (202) 898-3907, fax number (202) 898-3838, Legal Division (Consumer and Compliance Unit), Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Room MB-3064, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429.

OTS: Marilyn K. Burton, OTS Clearance Officer, at marilyn.burton@ots.treas.gov, (202) 906-6467, or facsimile number (202) 906-6518, Regulations and Legislation Division, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments

The Agencies jointly requested comments on the proposed extension, without revision, of the information collections contained in the CRA Sunshine regulations on September 18, 2003 (68 FR 54785). No comments were received.

Titles

OCC: Disclosure and Reporting of CRA-Related Agreements (12 CFR 35).

Board: Disclosure and Reporting Requirements of CRA-Related Agreements (Reg G).

FDIC: CRA Sunshine (12 CFR 346).

OTS: CRA Sunshine (12 CFR 533).

OMB Control Numbers

OCC: 1557-0219.

Board: 7100-0299.

FDIC: 3064-1039.

OTS: 1550-0105.

Description

Section 48 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act requires nongovernmental entities or persons (NGEPs), insured depository institutions, and affiliates of insured depository institutions that are parties to certain agreements that are in fulfillment of the Community

Reinvestment Act of 1977 to make the agreements available to the public and the appropriate agency, and to file annual reports concerning the agreements with the appropriate agency.

The Agencies are proposing to extend OMB approval of the information collections associated with the regulations implementing the CRA Sunshine provisions of section 48. The regulations are found at 12 CFR part 35 (OCC), 12 CFR part 207 (Board), 12 CFR part 346 (FDIC), and 12 CFR part 533 (OTS). This submission involves no change to the regulations or to the information collection requirements.

The information collection requirements contained in the regulations are as follows:

Section ___.6(b)(1) requires each nongovernmental entity or person (NGEP) and each insured depository institution or affiliate (IDI) that enters into a covered agreement to make a copy of the covered agreement available to any individual or entity upon request.

Section ___.6(c)(1) requires each NGEP that is a party to a covered agreement to provide within 30 days after receiving a request from the relevant supervisory agency (1) a complete copy of the agreement; and (2) in the event the NGEP seeks confidential treatment of any portion of the agreement under FOIA, a copy of the agreement that excludes information for which confidential treatment is sought and an explanation justifying the request.

Sections ___.6(d)(1)(i) and ___.6(d)(1)(ii) require each IDI within 60 days of the end of each calendar quarter to provide each supervisory agency with either (1) a complete copy of each covered agreement entered into by the IDI or affiliate during the calendar quarter; and in the event the IDI seeks confidential treatment of any portion of the agreement under FOIA, a copy of the agreement that excludes information for which confidential treatment is sought and an explanation justifying the request; or (2) a list of all covered agreements entered into by the IDI or affiliate during the calendar quarter.

Section ___.6(d)(2) requires an IDI or affiliate to provide any relevant supervisory agency with a complete copy and public version of any covered agreement, if the IDI submits a list of their covered agreements pursuant to section ___.6(d)(1)(ii).

Section ___.7(b) requires each NGEP and IDI that is a party to a covered agreement to file an annual report with each relevant supervisory agency concerning the disbursement, receipt,

and uses of funds or other resources under the covered agreement.

Section _____.7(f)(2)(ii) requires an IDI that receives an annual report from a NGEF pursuant to section _____.7(f)(2)(i) to file the report with the relevant supervisory agency or agencies on behalf of the NGEF within 30 days.

Section _____.4(b) requires an IDI that is party to a covered agreement that concerns any activity described in section _____.4(a) of a CRA affiliate to notify each NGEF that is a party to the agreement that the agreement concerns a CRA affiliate.

Affected Public

Business or other for-profit; individuals.

Burden Estimates

The reduction in the estimated burden is due to a change in the method of estimation. The old estimate, made three years ago, was based on the assumption and projection that 50 percent of insured depository institutions would be parties to a covered agreement. The new estimate is based on the actual number of IDIs or their affiliates that reported covered agreements to the agencies in 2001 and 2002, and is therefore more accurate. The number of NGEF respondents is based on an assumption that one NGEF is a party to each covered agreement.

Estimated Number of Respondents

OCC: 25 IDI; 337 NGEF.
Board: 13 IDI; 78 NGEF.
FDIC: 13 IDI; 36 NGEF.
OTS: 24 IDI; 120 NGEF.

Estimated Number of Responses

OCC: 2,813.
Board: 637.
FDIC: 316.
OTS: 984.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours

OCC: 3,899 hours.
Board: 910 hours.
FDIC: 501.6 hours.
OTS: 1,416 hours.

Frequency of Response

On occasion.

All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information;

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

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

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

Dated: December 8, 2003.

Mark J. Tenhundfeld,

Assistant Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System December 18, 2003.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

Dated in Washington, DC, this 15th day of December, 2003. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

Dated: December 17, 2003.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Richard M. Riccobono,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: American Southern Insurance Company

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is supplement No. 5 to the Treasury Department Circular 570; 2003 Revision, published July 1, 2003 at 68 FR 39186.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874-6765.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A Certificate of Authority as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds is hereby issued to the following Company under 31 U.S.C. 9304 to 9308. Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570, 2003 Revision, on page 39191 to reflect this addition: American Southern Insurance Company. Business Address: P.O. Box 723030, Atlanta, Georgia 31139-0030. Phone: (404) 266-9599. Underwriting Limitation b/:\$3,274,000. Surety Licenses c/:AL, AR, FL, GA, IL, KS, KY, MD, MS, NE, NC, OH, PA, SC,

TN, UT, WA, WV, WY. Incorporated in: Kansas.

Certificates of Authority expire on June 30 each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (31 CFR part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1 in Treasury Department Circular 570, with details as to underwriting limitations, areas in which licensed to transact surety business and other information.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570>. A hard copy may be purchased from the Government Printing Office (GPO) Subscription Service, Washington, DC, Telephone (202) 512-1800. When ordering the Circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 769-004-04643-2.

Questions concerning this Notice may be directed to the U.S. department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Financial Accounting and Services Division surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6A04, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Dated: December 18, 2003.

Wanda J. Rogers,

Director, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Financial Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request—Securities Offering Disclosure

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

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 comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507. The Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury will submit the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. Today, OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.