

In granting this exemption, the Board has analyzed a substantial record generated by RTR and opponents of the exemption. The analysis appears in a decision that is being issued simultaneously with the publication of this notice. That decision subjects RTR's project to comprehensive environmental, monitoring, and reporting conditions.

The decision is available on the Board's Web site at [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov).

Decided: May 9, 2003.

By the Board, Chairman Nober and Commissioner Morgan.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34345]

#### The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has agreed to grant limited overhead trackage rights to The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF)<sup>1</sup> over UP lines between Port Chicago, CA, at milepost 41.3 on UP's Tracy Subdivision, and Stege, CA, at milepost 9.3 on UP's Martinez Subdivision, a distance of approximately 28.7 miles—6.3 on the Tracy Subdivision and 22.4 miles on the Martinez Subdivision.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on May 2, 2003. The purpose of the trackage rights is to allow BNSF to bridge its train service while BNSF's main line is out of service due to maintenance.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34345, 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 Michael E. Roper, 2500 Lou Menk Drive, PO Box 961039, Fort Worth, TX 76161-0039.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "[www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov)."

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

Decided: May 7, 2003.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Bureau of Transportation Statistics

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Activity Under OMB Review: Part 249 Preservation of Records

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of currently approved collections. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on February 26, 2003 (68 FR vol. 68, page 8958).

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by June 16, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bernie Stankus, Office of Airline Information, K-14, Room 4125, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, Telephone Number (202) 366-4387, Fax Number (202) 366-3383 or e-mail [bernard.stankus@bts.gov](mailto:bernard.stankus@bts.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)

**Title:** Part 249 Preservation of Records.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**OMB Control Number:** 2138-0006.

**Forms:** None.

**Affected Public:** U.S. certificated carriers, public charter operators and overseas military personnel charter operators.

**Abstract:** Title 14 CFR part 249 requires U.S. certificated air carriers, public charter operators and overseas military personnel charter operators to retain such records as general and subsidiary ledgers, journals and journal vouchers, voucher distribution registers, accounts receivable and payable journals and ledgers, subsidy records documenting underlying financial and statistical reports to the Department, funds reports, consumer records, sales reports, auditors' and flight coupons, air waybills, etc. Depending on the nature of the document, it may be retained for a period of 30 days to 3 years. Public charter and overseas military personnel charter operators must retain documents which evidence or reflect deposits made by each charter participant and commissions received by, paid to, or deducted by travel agents, and all statements, invoices, bills and receipts from suppliers or furnishers of goods and services in connection with the tour or charter. These records are retained for 6 months after completion of the charter program.

**Estimated Annual Burden Hours:** 660 hours.

**ADDRESSES:** 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.

Comments are invited on whether the record retention requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the record retention requirements have practical utility; whether the accuracy of the Department's estimate of burden hours is correct. Also, commenters are invited to provide suggestions on ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the requirements on respondents, including the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology.

<sup>1</sup> On May 6, 2003, BNSF filed a petition for termination of this trackage rights exemption in *Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company-Trackage Rights Exemption-Union Pacific Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 34345 (Sub-No. 1), wherein BNSF requests that the Board permit the proposed overhead trackage rights arrangement described in the present proceeding to expire on or about May 22, 2003. That petition will be addressed by the Board in a separate decision.