

submission requirements set forth in this decision supersede, for the purposes of this proceeding, the otherwise applicable electronic submission requirements set forth in the Board's regulations. See 49 CFR 1104.3(b).

Electronic Submissions: Workpapers, Data Bases, and Spreadsheets

In the past, the Board has encountered problems with the "links" in spreadsheets functioning properly when the spreadsheets are installed on desktop computers or network servers. To avoid such problems, parties submitting electronic workpapers, data bases, and/or spreadsheets should use naming and linking conventions that will permit the spreadsheets to operate on the Board's computers.⁶ Electronic data bases should be compatible with the Microsoft Open Database Connectivity (ODBC) standard.⁷ The Board currently uses Microsoft Access 2000, and data bases submitted should be either in this format or another ODBC-compatible format. Otherwise, submitters should explain why it is not possible to submit the data base in this format and seek a determination as to whether it is feasible for the Board to accept the data base in another format.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. The primary application in STB Finance Docket No. 34424 and the related filings in STB Finance Docket No. 34424 (Sub-Nos. 1 and 2) are accepted for consideration.

2. The parties to this proceeding must comply with the Procedural Schedule adopted by the Board in this proceeding as shown in Appendix A.

3. The parties to this proceeding must comply with the procedural requirements described in this decision.

4. This decision is effective on December 5, 2003.

Decided: November 25, 2003.

⁶ The Board will not specify a particular naming and linking convention. It is incumbent upon the submitter to use generic naming and linking conventions that will permit the spreadsheets to operate on desktop computers or from a network server. Questions concerning naming and linking matters and/or compatibility with the Board's computers can be addressed to William H. Washburn, Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration, at (202) 565-1550.

⁷ ODBC is a Windows technology that allows a database software package, such as Microsoft Access, to import data from a database created using a different software package. All databases must be supported with adequate documentation on data attributes, SQL queries, programmed reports, etc.

By the Board, Chairman Nober.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

Appendix A: Procedural Schedule

November 5, 2003—Primary application, related filings, Environmental Appendix, and petition for establishment of procedural schedule filed.

November 10, 2003—Supplemented Environmental Appendix submitted.

December 5, 2003—Board notice of acceptance of primary application and related filings published in the **Federal Register**.

December 10, 2003—Comments on the Environmental Appendix due.

December 15, 2003—Safety Integration Plan (SIP) due.

December 19, 2003—Notices of intent to participate due.

January 22, 2004—Comments on the SIP due.

January 26, 2004—All comments, protests, requests for conditions, and any other evidence and argument in opposition to the primary application and/or either or both of the related filings, including filings of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), due.

February 24, 2004—Responses to comments, protests, requests for conditions, and other opposition due. Responses to comments of DOJ and DOT due. Rebuttal in support of the primary application and/or either or both of the related filings due.

Week of March 1, 2004—A public hearing/oral argument will be held the week of March 1, 2004 (the precise date and the location will be announced later).

April 9, 2004—Date of service of final decision (if no unanticipated environmental review is required).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 27, 2003.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Dates: Written comments should be received on or before January 5, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-0043.

Form Number: IRS Form 972.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Consent of Shareholder to Include Specific Amount in Gross Income.

Description: Form 972 is filed by shareholders of corporations to elect to include an amount in gross income as a dividend. The IRS uses Form 972 as a check to see if an amended return is filed to include the amount income and to determine if the corporation claimed the correct amount.

Respondents: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeeping: 400.

Estimated Burden Hours Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping—13 min.

Learning about the law or the form—4 min.

Preparing the form—16 min.

Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS—20 min.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting/

Recordkeeping Burden: 368 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-0138.

Form Number: IRS Form 2063.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: U.S. Departing Alien Income Tax Statement.

Description: Form 2063 is used by a departing resident alien against whom a termination assessment has not been made, or a departing nonresident alien who has no taxable income from United States sources, to certify that they have satisfied all U.S. income tax obligations. The data is used by the IRS to certify that departing aliens have complied with U.S. income tax laws.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 20,540.

Estimated Burden Hours Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping—6 min.

Learning about the law or the form—3 min.

Preparing the form—26 min.

Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS—13 min.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting/

Recordkeeping Burden: 17,049 hours.

Clearance Officer: R. Joseph Durbala, (202) 622-3634, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New