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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-846X and STB Docket
No. AB-344 (Sub-No. 2X)]

Illinois Indiana Development Company, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in LaPorte County, IN; Chicago Southshore & South Bend Railroad— Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in LaPorte County, IN

Illinois Indiana Development Company, LLC (IIDC) and Chicago Southshore & South Bend Railroad (CSS) have filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* for IIDC to abandon and CSS to discontinue service over an approximately 0.6-mile line of railroad from approximately milepost 157.9, near Dickson Street in Michigan City, northwest across Trail Creek to approximately milepost 158.5, near U.S. Highway 12, in LaPorte County, IN. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 46360.

IIDC and CSS have certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) overhead traffic, if any, can 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 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 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 these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment or discontinuance shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 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, these exemptions will be effective on March 30, 2003, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by March 10, 2003. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by March 20, 2003, with: Surface Transportation Board, 1225 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicants' representative: Troy W. Garris, Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 Nineteenth Street, NW., Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1609.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemptions are void *ab initio*.

Applicants have filed an environmental report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment and discontinuance on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by March 5, 2003. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1552. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339). Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historical 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), IIDC 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 IIDC's filing of a notice of consummation by February 28, 2004, and there are no legal or regulatory

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemptions' effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service 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 exemptions' effective date.

² Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,100. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: February 21, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 20, 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 March 31, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

Bureau of the Public Debt (PD)

OMB Number: 1535-0013.

Form Number: PD F 1048 and PD F 2243.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Claim for Lost, Stolen or Destroyed U.S. Savings Bonds (1048); and Supplemental Statement for U.S. Savings Bonds (2243).

Description: PD F 1048 and PD F 2243 are used by owner or others having knowledge to request substitute securities or payment of lost, stolen or destroyed securities.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 80,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: PD F 1048—20 minutes, PD F 2243—5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden

Hours: 26,400 hours.

OMB Number: 1535-0035.

Form Number: PD F 4881.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Application for Payment of U.S. Savings Bonds/Notes and/or Related