

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33855]

Mohall Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Line of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

Mohall Railroad, Inc. (MRI), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire (by purchase) and operate approximately 42.55 miles of rail line, known as the Mohall Line,¹ owned by The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF)² between milepost 5.25 north of Granville, ND, and milepost 47.8 near Mohall, ND, together with associated spur tracks and sidings.³

The purpose of this transaction is to permit MRI to assume responsibility for providing rail service to the two presently active shippers located at Mohall and Lansford, ND, and any other parties desiring rail service by entering into an operating agreement with Northern Plains Railroad (NPR), which currently operates a line of railroad through Lansford. MRI indicates that its acquisition of the Mohall line will not result in significant changes in carrier operations, except to the extent that rail operations will be resumed over lines currently embargoed. MRI states that it will construct a new connection between NPR and the Mohall Line at Lansford, and will undertake to perform the necessary maintenance and rehabilitation work to place the trackage in condition for resumption of safe railroad operations.

MRI reports that it intends to consummate the transaction upon the effective date of the exemption. The earliest the transaction could be consummated was March 13, 2000 (7 days after the exemption was filed).

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.

¹ The line is currently embargoed due to track conditions.

² MRI states that, on November 22, 1999, an agreement was signed between it and BNSF for the sale of certain assets, rights and obligations for the line and that it will assume full common carrier responsibility and maintenance of the line as soon as the exemption becomes effective and the transaction is closed.

³ MRI 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.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33855, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Byron D. Olsen, Felhaber, Larson, Fenlon & Vogt, P.A., 601 Second Avenue South, Suite 4200, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

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Decided: March 24, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33865]

Illinois & Midland Railroad, Inc.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has agreed to grant nonexclusive bridge trackage rights to Illinois & Midland Railroad, Inc. (I&M) approximately from milepost 8.9, at the Illinois River Bridge, to milepost 51.0, at Barr, IL, a distance of approximately 42.1 miles.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or after March 20, 2000.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to promote operating efficiencies by providing I&M with an alternate route between Springfield, IL, and UP's Illinois River Bridge.

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 it 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. 33865, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423–

0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Rose-Michele Weinryb, Esq., Weiner, Brodsky, Sidman & Kider, P.C., 1350 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005–4797.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Currency Transaction Report

AGENCY: Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (“FinCEN”).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: To comply with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning proposed extensions of information collection requirements, FinCEN is soliciting comments on currency transactions on the Currency Transaction Report (“CTR”), Internal Revenue Service Form 4789.

DATES: Submit written comments by May 30, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Office of Chief Counsel, ATTN: CTR Comments, Suite 200, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna, VA 22182–2536.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or for a copy of the form should be directed to Therese Wiese, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Compliance and Regulatory Enforcement, FinCEN at 202–354–6400 or Cynthia L. Clark, Deputy Chief Counsel, FinCEN at 905–3590. A copy of the CTR form can be obtained through the Internet at <http://www.treas.gov/fincen/forms.html#4789>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bank Secrecy Act, Titles I and II of Public Law 91–508, as amended, codified at 12 U.S.C. 1829b, 12 U.S.C. 1951–1959, and 31 U.S.C. 5311–5314, 5316–5330, authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, *inter alia*, to issue regulations requiring records and reports that are determined to have a high degree of usefulness in

criminal, tax, and regulatory matters. Regulations implementing Title II of the Bank Secrecy Act (codified at 31 U.S.C. 5311–5314, 5316–5330) appear at 31 CFR part 103. The authority of the Secretary to administer the Bank Secrecy Act regulations has been delegated to the Director of FinCEN.

The Bank Secrecy Act specifically provides the Secretary the authority to issue regulations that require a report when “a domestic financial institution is involved in a transaction for the payment, receipt, or transfer of United States coins or currency (or other monetary instruments the Secretary of the Treasury prescribes), in an amount, denomination, or amount and denomination, or under circumstances the Secretary prescribes * * *” 31 U.S.C. 5913(a). The authority of 31 U.S.C. 5313(a) has been implemented through regulations promulgated at 31 CFR 103.22 and through the instructions to the CTR, Internal Revenue Service Form 4789.

Information collected on the CTR is made available, in accordance with strict safeguards, to appropriate criminal law enforcement and regulatory personnel in the official performance of their duties. The information contained

is of use in investigations involving international and domestic money laundering, tax evasion, fraud, and other financial crimes.

In accordance with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR 1320, the following information concerning the collection of information on Form 4789 is presented to assist those persons wishing to comment on the information collection. (The number of respondents has significantly varied each year; the estimates below are based on an average.)

Title: Currency Transaction Report.

Form Number: IRS Form 4789.

OMB Number: 1506–0004.

Description of Respondents: Certain United States financial institutions, other than casinos.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000,000.

Frequency: As required.

Estimate of Burden: Reporting average of 19 minutes per response; recordkeeping average of 5 minutes per response.

Estimate of Total Annual Burden on Respondents: Reporting burden estimate = 3,166,667 hours; recordkeeping

burden estimate = 833,333 hours. Estimated combined total of 4,000,000 hours.

Type of Request: Extension, without revision.

FinCEN specifically invites comments on the following subjects: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the mission of FinCEN, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FinCEN’s estimate of the burden of the proposed 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 of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimate of capital or startup costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: March 27, 2000.

James F. Sloan,

Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

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