

This concludes the analysis submitted by Petitioner for consideration.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: December 19, 2000.

Murray A. Bloom,

Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket RSPA-98-4957; Notice 25]

Notice of Extension of Existing Information Collection

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) is publishing this notice seeking public comments on a proposed renewal of an information collection for *Incorporation by Reference of Industry Standard on Leak Detection*. This information collection requires that hazardous pipeline operators who have leak detection systems must maintain records of these systems.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received February 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should identify the docket number of this notice, RSPA-98-4957, and be mailed to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your comments, you must include a stamped, self-addressed postcard. The Dockets facility is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays. In addition, the public may also submit or review comments by accessing the Docket Management System's home page at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-6205 or by electronic mail at marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Incorporation by Reference of Industry Standard on Leak detection.

OMB Number: 2137-0598.

Type of Request: Extension of an existing information collection.

Abstract: Pipeline safety regulations do not require hazardous liquid pipeline operators to have computer-based leak detection systems. However, if these operators choose to voluntarily acquire such software-based leak detection systems they must adhere to the American Petroleum Institute API 1130 in operating, maintaining and testing their existing software-based leak detection systems. The testing information of these systems must be maintained by hazardous liquid pipeline operators.

Respondents: Hazardous liquid pipeline operators that use computational monitoring systems (CPM's) for leak detection.

Estimate of Burden: 2 hours per operator.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Burden: 100 hours.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Copies of this information collection can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. They also can be viewed over the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Comments are invited on: (a) The need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 19, 2000.

Richard D. Huriaux,

Manager, Regulations, Office of Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub No. 5) (2001-1)]

Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

SUMMARY: The Board has approved the first quarter 2001 rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. The first quarter 2001 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.085. The first quarter 2001 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.597. The first quarter 2001 RCAF-5 is 0.574.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: H. Jeff Warren, (202) 565-1533. TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DA• TO• DA OFFICE SOLUTIONS, Room 405, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001, telephone (202) 466-5530. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services 1-800-877-8339]

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

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Decided: December 19, 2000.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Burkes, and Commissioner Clyburn.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33974]

Tulsa-Sapulpa Union Railway Company, L.L.C.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Tulsa-Sapulpa Union Railway Company, L.L.C., a limited liability company and Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption

under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease and operate a line of railroad owned by Union Pacific Railroad Company. The line, known as the Jenks Industrial Lead and also referred to as the Midland Valley Branch, runs south and southeasterly between Tulsa, OK, milepost 149.29, and Jenks, OK, milepost 136.40, a distance of approximately 12.68 miles.

The parties report that they intend to close the transaction on the later of the effective date of the exemption or January 1, 2001. The earliest the transaction can be consummated is December 21, 2000 (7 days after the exemption was filed).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding 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. 33974, 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, a copy of each pleading must be served on Byron D. Olson, Esq., Felhaber, Larson, Fenlon & Vogt, P.A., 601 Second Avenue South, Suite 4200, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: December 19, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ACTION: Amendment of system of records notice "veteran's spouse or dependent civilian health and medical care records-VA".

SUMMARY: As required by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e), notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending the system of records currently known as "Veteran's Spouse or Dependent Civilian Health and Medical Care

Records-VA (54VA136)" as set forth in the **Federal Register** 88 FR 14242 (6/24/88). VA is amending the system by revising the paragraphs for System Name; System Location; Categories of individuals covered by the system; Categories of records in the system; Routine uses or records maintained in the system, including categories of users and the purposes of such uses; Policies and practices for storing, retrieving, accessing, retaining and disposing of records in the system; the location of the records and revising routine use statements; Safeguards; System manager(s) and address; Notification procedure; Record access procedures; Record source categories. VA is republishing the system notice in its entirety at this time.

DATES: Comments on the amendment of this system of records must be received no later than January 25, 2001. If no public comment is received, the new system will become effective January 25, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the proposed new system of records may be submitted to the Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420. Comments will be available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: VHA Privacy Act Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, telephone (727) 320-1839.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The name and number of the system is changed from "Veteran's Spouse or Dependent Civilian Health and Medical Care Records-VA" (54VA136) to "Health Administration Center Civilian Health and Medical program Records-VA" (54VA17) to reflect organizational changes. The system location has been amended to reflect the current address of the Health Administration Center in this system. The Authority Section has been amended to reflect the current legal authority to maintain these records. Wording has been revised in this system to reflect that Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) has been renamed by the Department of Defense as TRICARE. The categories of individuals covered by the system has been amended to include the health care providers who treat CHAMPVA beneficiaries. The categories of records

in the system has been amended to include other health insurance information collected and the type of medical services provided in order to process claims for payment.

Title 38, United States Code, section 1713 requires VA to administer health care benefits for the dependents of certain veterans. This program is known as the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA). VHA established the CHAMPVA Center in 1988 as the organization responsible for management of the CHAMPVA program. The CHAMPVA Center was recently renamed the Health Administration Center (HAC). The HAC administers all activities of the CHAMPVA program, including claims processing and an automated call center. In the process of daily activities, HAC is required to obtain and disclose certain information to make determinations of eligibility, issue authorization for medical services and provide payment and benefit data. This information is disclosed to health care providers, trading partners and contractors, CHAMPVA sponsors, beneficiaries and their representatives.

The following terms used in this System of Records are defined as follows:

- **Trading Partners and Contractors—** A trading partner or contractor is a third party organization that submits claims to CHAMPVA for payment consideration under either a formal Memorandum of Understanding or contractual agreement with HAC.
- **CHAMPVA Sponsors, Beneficiaries and their Representatives—** A CHAMPVA sponsor is the veteran whose dependents are eligible for CHAMPVA benefits. A CHAMPVA beneficiary refers to the eligible children and spouse of a CHAMPVA sponsor. A representative is an individual designated by a CHAMPVA beneficiary to act in their behalf or in the case of a minor, his or her parent or guardian.

Several routine use disclosures have been amended, as described below, to enable efficient administration of the program and granting of medical benefits to eligible beneficiaries.

- **Routine use one (1)** has been revised and amended to enable disclosure of claimant information in this system of records to health care providers, trading partners, contractors, and CHAMPVA beneficiaries contacting the HAC. Generally, the purpose of these contacts is to verify eligibility for benefits, obtain benefit information, obtain benefit assistance, resolve claim issues, verify payment for services, obtain authorization for medical