

inspection until the test or inspection has been successfully completed.

Cargo tank conversions. It is possible, though difficult, to modify a cargo tank, such as by using the tank from an MC 330 cargo tank motor vehicle, to meet the DOT 51 portable tank specification. The modification must be performed by an ASME Code facility. The manufacturer performing the modification must assure that the modified tank conforms to all the requirements of the DOT 51 specification in § 178.245 of the HMR. Such a tank no longer meets the cargo tank specification; thus, the manufacturer must remove or cover the cargo tank specification plate on the modified tank and affix a new certification plate in accordance with § 178.245-6. Other than through recertification as a portable tank, there is no provision for use of the tank from a cargo tank motor vehicle as a portable tank.

Filling densities. The HMR prescribe maximum permitted filling densities for portable tanks in propane service in § 173.315(b). Generally, maximum permitted filling densities depend on the specific gravity of the material to be transported, measured at 60°F, and the size of the tank. Propane in a portable tank may not exceed 60 percent of the water-weight capacity of the tank.

III. Safety Implications

The purpose of this safety advisory notice is to alert persons who offer or transport propane that transporting propane in portable tanks that do not conform to the HMR could have serious safety implications for persons who handle or transport such tanks and for the general public. When liquid propane is released into the atmosphere, it quickly vaporizes into the gaseous form that is its normal state at atmospheric pressure. Vaporization occurs very rapidly and, in the process, the propane combines readily with air to form fuel-air mixtures that are ignitable over a range of 2.2 to 9.5 percent by volume. If an ignition source is present in the vicinity of the highly flammable mixture, the vapor cloud ignites and burns explosively.

No person may offer for transportation or transport hazardous materials except in conformance with the HMR. Persons offering or transporting propane in portable tanks that do not conform to the HMR requirements may be subject to civil or criminal penalties.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 2, 2000.

Robert A. McGuire,

Acting Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33868]

OmniTRAX, Inc., Central Kansas Railway, L.L.C., and Kansas Southwestern Railway, L.L.C.—Corporate Family Transaction Exemption

OmniTRAX, Inc. (OmniTRAX),¹ Central Kansas Railway L.L.C. (CKR), and Kansas Southwestern Railway, L.L.C. (KSW), have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption. CKR operates over approximately 900 miles of rail line in the States of Kansas and Colorado. KSW operates over approximately 106 miles of rail line in the State of Kansas and connects at several locations with CKR. KSW will be merged into CKR, with CKR as the surviving corporation. After the transaction is consummated, OmniTRAX will control 9 Class III railroads in the United States.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after April 26, 2000.

The purpose of the transaction is to simplify OmniTRAX's corporate structure and eliminate costs associated with separate accounting, tax, bookkeeping and reporting functions. The proposed transaction will also enhance the operating economies of, and improve service on, the surviving corporation.

This is a transaction within a corporate family of the type specifically exempted from prior review and approval under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3). The parties state that the transaction will not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or a change in the competitive balance with carriers outside the corporate family.

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its

¹ OmniTRAX is a noncarrier holding company, which at the time of filing, directly controlled 10 Class III railroads, including CKR and KSW, operating in 7 states. See *OmniTRAX, Inc.—Control Exemption—Northern Ohio & Western Railway, LLC*, STB Finance Docket No. 33598 (STB served June 5, 1998). OmniTRAX also states that it controls 3 rail carriers that operate in Canada.

employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

If the 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. 33868, 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, a copy of each pleading must be served on Karl Morell, P.C., Ball Janik LLP, Suite 225, 1455 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

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Decided: April 28, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Office of Thrift Supervision

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal of Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCIES: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) and Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury, and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Joint notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, OTS, and FDIC (collectively, the "agencies"), as part of their continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invite financial institutions, the general public, and other Federal agencies to comment on a continuing information

collection. This notice is issued in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Currently, the agencies are requesting comment on the extension, without change, of an information collection titled Interagency Guidance on Asset Securitization Activities.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 7, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You are invited to submit a comment to any or all of the agencies. Please direct your comments as follows:

OCC: Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Third Floor, Attention: 1557-0217, Washington, DC 20219. In addition, you may send a comment by facsimile transmission to (202) 874-5274, or by electronic mail to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. You can inspect and photocopy the comments at the OCC's Public Reference Room, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on business days. You can make an appointment to inspect the comments by calling (202) 874-5043.

OTS: Manager, Dissemination Branch, Information Management and Services, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, Attention: 1550-0104. You may hand deliver your comments to the Guard's desk at 1700 G Street, NW.; or you may send comments by facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755; or they may be sent by e-mail: public.info@ots.treas.gov. If you comment by e-mail, you should include your name and telephone number. You should send any comments over 25 pages in length to FAX Number (202) 906-6956. You may inspect the comments at 1700 G Street, NW., from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Comments are also available at OTS.treas.gov.

FDIC: Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary, Attention: Comments/OES, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429. You may hand-deliver comments to the guard station at the rear of the 550 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. [FAX number (202) 898-3838; Internet address: comments@fdic.gov]. You may inspect and photocopy comments in the FDIC Public Information Center, Room 100, 801 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., on business days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may request additional information or a copy of the collection by contacting:

OCC: Jessie Dunaway or Camille Dixon, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington DC 20219, (202) 874-5090.

OTS: William Magrini, Supervision, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 906-5744.

FDIC: Steven F. Hanft, Office of the Executive Secretary, FDIC, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429, (202) 898-7453.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Interagency Guidance on Asset Securitization Activities.

OMB Numbers:

OCC: 1557-0217.

OTS: 1550-0104.

FDIC: 3064-0137.

Form Numbers:

None.

Abstract: On December 13, 1999, the agencies issued the Interagency Guidance on Asset Securitization Activities. The information collections contained in the Interagency Guidance were approved by OMB. The agencies are now in the process of requesting that OMB renew its approval of those information collections. The agencies are not proposing any change to the underlying information collections.

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System has participated in the development and review of this information collection and will process its extension under its Paperwork Reduction Act delegated authority.

Type of Review: Renewal, without change, of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business, for-profit institutions, and non-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

OCC: 50.

OTS: 30.

FDIC: 70.

Estimated Total Annual Responses:

OCC: 1 per year.

OTS: 1 per year.

FDIC: 1 per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden:

OCC: 2,115 hours.

OTS: 1,269 hours.

FDIC: 2,070 hours.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Request for Comments

Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agencies, including whether the information shall have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agencies' estimate of the burden of the 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) Estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: May 2, 2000.

Mark J. Tenhundfeld,

Assistant Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Dated: April 24, 2000.

John E. Werner,

Director, Information Management and Services, Office of Thrift Supervision.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 26th day of April, 2000.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[EE-113-82]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing notice of proposed rulemaking, EE-113-82, Required Distributions From Qualified Plans and Individual Retirement Plans (§ 1.403(b)-2).