

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Melbourne Airport Authority.

Issued in Orlando, Florida on October 10, 1996.

W. Dean Stinger,

Acting Manager, Orlando Airports District Office, Southern Region.

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Surface Transportation Board¹

[STB Finance Docket No. 33123]

Missouri Pacific Railroad Company and Southern Pacific Transportation Company—Construction and Operation Exemption—Avondale, LA

Missouri Pacific Railroad Company (MP) and Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SP) have filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.36 to construct connecting tracks between their adjacent rail lines at three locations near Avondale, LA.² The proposed construction is intended to facilitate transactions approved or exempted in *Union Pacific Corp., et al.—Control and Merger—Southern Pacific Rail Corp., et al.*, Finance Docket No. 32760, involving the authorized merger of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads. Construction is scheduled to begin on December 31, 1996.

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) initially considered this construction and operation in the environmental documents prepared in Finance Docket No. 32760. In analyzing the applicants' environmental filings and the potential environmental impacts of the merger, SEA concluded that construction projects related to the merger that are limited in scope and are proposed over disturbed land within existing railroad rights-of-way should be exempt from environmental review.

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10901.

² MP and SP simultaneously filed in this docket a motion to dismiss the notice of exemption on the grounds that the proposed construction and operation of connecting tracks do not require Board approval or exemption. That motion will be the subject of a separate decision by the Board.

This is such a project. Accordingly, no additional environmental documentation will be prepared in this proceeding and the Board may make a finding of no significant impact.

This exemption will be effective on December 31, 1996, unless stayed. Petitions to stay the effective date of this notice on any grounds must be filed by November 1, 1996. Petitions for reconsideration must be filed by November 11, 1996.

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.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33123, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on: (1) Gary A. Laakso, Southern Pacific Transportation Company, Law Department, Room 846, One Market Plaza, San Francisco, CA 94105; and (2) Robert T. Opal, Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, Law Department, Room 830, 1416 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68179.

Decided: October 17, 1996.

By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request For Form 673

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 Form 673, Statement For Claiming Benefits

Provided by Section 911 of the Internal Revenue Code.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 23, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Statement For Claiming Benefits Provided by Section 911 of the Internal Revenue Code.

OMB Number: 1545-0666.

Form Number: Form 673.

Abstract: Under section 911 of the Internal Revenue Code certain income earned abroad is excludable from gross income. Form 637 is completed by a citizen of the United States and is furnished to his or her employer in order to exclude from income tax withholding all or part of the wages paid the citizen for services performed outside the United States.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper