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All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be considered, and will be available for examination in the docket at the above address both before and after that date. To the extent possible, comments filed after the closing date will also be considered. Notice of final action on the petition will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 493.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

Issued on: August 27, 1998.

**Marilynne Jacobs,**

*Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 552 (Sub-No. 2)]

#### Railroad Revenue Adequacy—1997 Determination

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of decision.

**SUMMARY:** On September 2, 1998, the Board served a decision announcing the 1997 revenue adequacy determinations for the Nation's Class I railroads. Three carriers (Illinois Central Railroad Company, Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, and Soo Line Railroad Company) are found to be revenue adequate.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This decision is effective September 2, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leonard J. Blistein, (202) 565-1529. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board is required to make an annual determination of railroad revenue adequacy. A railroad will be considered revenue adequate under 49 U.S.C. 10704(a) if it achieves a rate of return on net investment equal to at least the current cost of capital for the railroad industry for 1997, determined to be 11.8% in *Railroad Cost of Capital—1997*, STB Ex Parte No. 558 (Sub-No. 1) (STB served July 20, 1998). In this proceeding, the Board applied the revenue adequacy standards to each Class I railroad, and it found 3 carriers, Illinois Central Railroad Company, Norfolk Southern Railroad Company,

and Soo Line Railroad Company, to be revenue adequate.

Additional information is contained in the Board's formal decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC NEWS & DATA, INC., Suite 210, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 565-1695.] The decision is also available on the Board's internet site, www.stb.dot.gov.

#### Environmental and Energy Considerations

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

#### Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 603(b), we conclude that our action in this proceeding will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The purpose and effect of the action is merely to update the annual railroad industry revenue adequacy finding. No new reporting or other regulatory requirements are imposed, directly or indirectly, on small entities.

Decided: August 24, 1998.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Forms 9779, 9779(SP), 9783, 9783(SP), 9787, 9787(SP), 9789, and 9789(SP)

**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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Forms 9779,

9779(SP), 9783, 9783(SP), 9787, 9787(SP), 9789, and 9789(SP), Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before November 2, 1998 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 forms and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS).

*OMB Number:* 1545-1467.

*Form Number:* Forms 9779, 9779(SP), 9783, 9783(SP), 9787, 9787(SP), 9789, and 9789(SP).

*Abstract:* These forms are used by business and individual taxpayers to enroll in the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS). EFTPS is an electronic remittance processing system that the Service uses to accept electronically transmitted federal tax payments. EFTPS (1) establishes and maintains a taxpayer data base which includes entity information from the taxpayers or their banks, (2) initiates the transfer of the tax payment amount from the taxpayer's bank account, (3) validates the entity information and selected elements for each taxpayer, and (4) electronically transmits taxpayer payment data to the IRS.

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

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals, business or other for-profit organizations, and state, local, or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 11,640,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 20 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,879,630.

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