comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at *http://www.dms.dot.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Hokana, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR–830 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202–366–0760.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel SEA DRAGON is:

Intended Use: ''June through September the vessel will carry passenger for hire in the Buffalo harbor and along the southern shores of Lake Erie between Buffalo N.Y. and Cleveland OH with not more than 6 passengers. October through June the vessel will charter along the U.S. East Coast and Gulf of Mexico mainly from Tarpon Springs Florida on the Gulf Coast to Key West, the Florida Keys, Bahamas and the coast of Maine. Owner's personal recreational use.''

Geographic Region: ''The Great Lakes, the U.S. East Coast and the Gulf of Mexico.''

Dated: October 17, 2003.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34399 and STB Finance Docket No. 34398]

BG & CM Railroad, Inc.—Exemption From 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV; and BG & CM Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Camas Prairie Railnet, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board has: (1) Exempted BG & CM Railroad, Inc. (BG & CM) from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV, subject to conditions, to allow reactivation of service on a rail line in Lewis, Nez Perce, and Idaho Counties, ID; (2) partially vacated a certificate of interim trail use (CITU) for 52 miles of this 66.8-mile line; and (3) granted a motion to dismiss a BG & CM notice of exemption to acquire and operate this line.

DATES: This exemption will be effective on October 27, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph H. Dettmar (202) 565–1600. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1–800–877–8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To obtain a copy of the Board's decision, contact Da 2 Da Legal, 1925 K Street, NW., Room 405, Washington, DC 20006 (202–293–7776). Board decisions and notices are also available on our Web site at *http://www.stb.dot.gov.*

Decided: October 17, 2003.

By the Board, Chairman Nober.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34403]

Morristown & Erie Railway, Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption—State of Maine

Morristown & Erie Railway, Inc. (M&E), a Class III rail carrier, d/b/a Maine Eastern Railroad, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 *et seq.* to lease and operate the following 85.19 miles of rail line owned by the State of Maine: (1) The Brunswick to Augusta Branch Line between milepost 27.97 in Brunswick and milepost 55.91 in Gardiner, in Cumberland and Kennebec Counties, ME (27.94 miles); (2) the Brunswick to Rockland Branch Line between milepost 29.40 in Brunswick and milepost 85.55 in Rockland, in Cumberland and Knox Counties, ME (56.15 miles); and (3) the Atlantic Branch Line between milepost 85.55 and milepost 86.65 in Rockland, Knox County, ME (1.1 miles). M&E certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed $5 million, and thus the transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier. The lease is subject to existing freight operating rights held by Maine Central Railroad Company and Springfield Terminal Railway Company over portions of these lines.

Consummation of this transaction was expected to occur on or after October 1, 2003. The lines to be operated by M&E have been operated by Safe Handling Rail Inc. (SHR) under a modified certificate of public convenience and necessity. Pursuant to an agreement between the State of Maine and SHR, SHR's service was due to terminate on September 30, 2003.

If the verified 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. 34403, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on John K. Fiorilla, Watson, Stevens, Fiorilla & Rutter, LLP, 390 George Street, P.O. Box 1185, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at *http://www.stb.dot.gov.*

Decided: October 17, 2003.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[REG–209322–82]

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 final regulation, REG–209322–82 (TD 8841), Return of Partnership Income (§ 1.6031(a)–1).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 22, 2003 to be assured of consideration.