

Title: U.S. DOT Mentor Protégé Pilot program.

OMB Control Number: This is a proposed new information collection.

Forms: Mentor Protégé pilot program annual report; and Mentor Protégé pilot program evaluation form.

Type of Review: New Information Collection.

Affected Public: Prime contractors and small businesses participating in DOT's Mentor Protégé Pilot Program.

Respondents: Approximately 20.

Frequency: One-time.

Estimated Average Burden Per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 20 hours.

Abstract

In accordance with Public Law 95–507, an amendment to the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1953, OSDBU is responsible for the implementation and execution of the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) activities on behalf of small businesses, in accordance with Section 8, 15 and 31 of the Small Business Act (SBA), as amended. The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization also administers the provisions of Title 49, of the United States Code, Section 332, the Minority Resource Center (MRC) which includes the design and carry out programs to encourage, promote, and assist minority entrepreneurs and businesses in getting contracts, subcontracts, and projects related to those business opportunities.

The information collected will be from prime contractors and small business owners. The information collected will be used by DOT OSDBU to determine whether or not the type of technical assistance provided to the protégé was in accordance with Mentor-Protégé agreement.

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businesses in getting contracts, subcontracts, and projects related to those business opportunities.

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Authority: 49 U.S.C. Section 332(4).

Issued in Washington, DC on October 11, 2011.

Brandon Neal,

Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35558]

Utah Southern Railroad Company, LLC—Change in Operators Exemption—Iron Bull Railroad Company, LLC

Utah Southern Railroad Company, LLC (USRC), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to change operators from Iron Bull Railroad Company (IBRC) to USRC on a rail line known as the Comstock Subdivision (the line) that extends between milepost 0.1 at or near Iron Springs, Utah, and milepost 14.7 at or near Iron Mountain, Utah, a distance of 14.6 miles in Iron County, Utah. The line is leased from Union Pacific Railroad Company by PIC Railroad, LLC (PIC) and is operated by USRC pursuant to an operating agreement with PIC. This change in operators is exempt under 49 CFR 1150.31(a)(3).¹

In 2006, IBRC filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 for operation of the line pursuant to an operating agreement with PIC.² In a letter dated September 30, 2008, USRC notified the Board that, effective October 1, 2008, the name of IBRC was being changed to USRC. USRC now states, however, that, as of the date of that letter, USRC “had been incorporated, and acquired IBRC’s operating authority, and operated [the line] as a corporation separate and distinct from IBRC.” Counsel for USRC

¹ To qualify for a change of operators exemption, an applicant must give notice to shippers on the line. See 49 CFR 1150.32(b). On October 26, 2011, USRC filed certification that notice had been given to the sole shipper on the line, CML Metals Corporation.

² *Iron Bull R.R.—Operation Exemption—PIC R.R.*, FD 34897 (STB served Sept. 14, 2006).

recently became aware that USRC has a corporate existence separate from IBRC and that IBRC’s corporate existence has been dissolved, and USRC therefore now files this notice to obtain the required exemption to change operators of the line.

USRC certifies that as a result of this transaction its projected revenues will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and that such revenues would not exceed \$5 million annually. As discussed above, the proposed transaction has been consummated.

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 exemption will be effective November 20, 2011 (30 days after the notice of exemption was filed). The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than November 10, 2011.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35558, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas F. McFarland, Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604–1112.

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

Decided: November 1, 2011.

By the Board.

Rachel D. Campbell,

Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Fee Schedule for the Transfer of U.S. Treasury Book-Entry Securities Held on the National Book-Entry System

AGENCY: Bureau of the Public Debt, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury (Treasury) is announcing a new fee schedule applicable to transfers of U.S. Treasury book-entry securities maintained on the National Book-Entry System (NBES) that occur on or after January 3, 2012.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 3, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Sharer or Kristina Yeh, Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury at (202) 504-3550.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Treasury has established a fee structure for the transfer of Treasury book-entry securities maintained on NBES. Treasury reassesses this fee structure periodically, based on our review of the latest book-entry costs and volumes.

For each Treasury securities transfer or reversal sent or received on or after January 3, 2012, the basic fee will increase from \$0.38 to \$0.48. The Federal Reserve will also increase its fee for Federal Reserve funds movement from \$0.07 to \$0.09. This will result in

a combined fee of \$0.57 for each transfer of Treasury book-entry securities. The surcharge for an off-line Treasury book-entry securities transfer will increase from \$33.00 to \$40.00. Off-line refers to the sending and receiving of transfer messages to or from a Reserve Bank by means other than on-line access such as by written, facsimile, or telephone voice instruction. The basic transfer fee assessed to both sends and receives is reflective of costs associated with the processing of securities transfers. The off-line surcharge reflects the additional processing costs associated with the manual processing of off-line securities transfers.

Treasury does not charge a fee for account maintenance, the stripping and

reconstitution of Treasury securities, the wires associated with original issues, or interest and redemption payments. Treasury currently absorbs these costs.

The fees described in this notice apply only to the transfer of Treasury book-entry securities held on NBES. Information concerning fees for book-entry transfers of Government Agency securities, which are priced by the Federal Reserve System, is set out in a separate **Federal Register** notice published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The following is the Treasury fee schedule that will take effect on January 3, 2012, for book-entry transfers on NBES:

TREASURY-NBES FEE SCHEDULE ¹—EFFECTIVE JANUARY 3, 2012

[In dollars]

Transfer type	Basic fee	Off-line surcharge	Funds ² movement fee	Total fee
On-line transfer originated	0.48	N/A	0.09	0.57
On-line transfer received	0.48	N/A	0.09	0.57
On-line reversal transfer originated	0.48	N/A	0.09	0.57
On-line reversal transfer received	0.48	N/A	0.09	0.57
Off-line transfer originated	0.48	40.00	0.09	40.57
Off-line transfer received	0.48	40.00	0.09	40.57
Off-line account switch received	0.48	0.00	0.09	0.57
Off-line reversal transfer originated	0.48	40.00	0.09	40.57
Off-line reversal transfer received	0.48	40.00	0.09	40.57

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² The funds movement fee is not a Treasury fee, but is charged by the Federal Reserve for the cost of moving funds associated with the transfer of a Treasury book-entry security.

Authority: 31 CFR 357.45.

Richard L. Gregg,

Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War has scheduled a meeting on November 14-16, 2011, at the Veterans Affairs Regional Office and Insurance Center (VAROIC), 5000 Wissahickon Avenue, Philadelphia, PA. The meeting will be held each day from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of benefits under title 38, United States Code, for veterans

who are former prisoners of war, and to make recommendations on the needs of such Veterans for compensation, health care, and rehabilitation.

On November 14, the Committee will hear from its Chairman and the VAROIC Director. They Committee will also receive briefings on the Employee Education System, Veterans Health Initiative, and Robert A. Mitchell Center. The Committee will convene a closed session in order to protect Veteran privacy as the Committee tours VA's Regional Office, Pension Maintenance Center, and Insurance Center. On the morning of November 15, the Committee will reconvene in a closed session to tour the VA Medical Center. Closing portions of these sessions is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b (c) 6). In the afternoon of November 15, the Committee will meet in open session for a Former Prisoners of War (FPOW) panel to gain information on FPOW issues and recommendations for health benefits and claims processing. Public comments will be received at 2 p.m. On November

16, the Committee will discuss their 2011 recommendations and draft of their final Committee report.

Individuals who speak are invited to submit a 1-2 page summaries of their comments for inclusion in the official meeting record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for the Committee's review to Mr. Jim Adams, Executive Assistant, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Department of Veterans Affairs (21PF), 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or email at jim.adams1@va.gov. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Mr. Adams at (571) 272-0749.

Dated: November 1, 2011.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Vivian Drake,

Committee Management Officer.

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