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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35872]

Everett Railroad Company and Hollidaysburg and Roaring Spring Railroad Company—Intra-Corporate Family Transaction Exemption

Everett Railroad Company (Everett) and Hollidaysburg and Roaring Spring Railroad Company (Hollidaysburg) (collectively, Applicants) have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3) for a corporate family transaction.

Applicants state that Everett and Hollidaysburg are Class III rail carriers under the control of Alan W. Maples. The transaction involves the merger of Everett and Hollidaysburg, with Everett emerging as the surviving rail carrier.

According to Applicants, the purpose of the transaction is to streamline administration and enhance the financial condition of two railroads that are already largely integrated by consolidating the two into a single company. Applicants state that the proposed merger will eliminate the need for the preparation of separate tax returns for Everett and Hollidaysburg and the need for the two companies to maintain separate corporate records. Applicants state that there also are certain operational and recordkeeping advantages to the transaction.

Unless stayed, the exemption will be effective on December 14, 2014 (30 days after the verified notice was filed). Applicants state that they plan to consummate the proposed transaction on or after December 14, 2014.

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). Applicants state that the transaction will not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or changes 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 employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under §§ 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Accordingly, the Board may not impose labor protective conditions here, because the transaction involves only Class III rail carriers.

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 exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than December 5, 2014 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35872, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Robert A. Wimbish, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606-2832.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on revisions in 2015 of a currently approved information collection that is proposed for approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of International Affairs within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the revision of the Treasury International Capital (TIC) Form SHL/SHLA.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 27, 2015 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Dwight Wolkow, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 5422 MT, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220. In view of possible delays in mail delivery, you may also wish to send a copy to Mr. Wolkow by email (comments2TIC@do.treas.gov) or FAX (202-622-2009). Mr. Wolkow can also be reached by telephone (202-622-1276).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the proposed form and instructions are available at Part II of the Treasury International Capital (TIC) Forms Web page "Forms SHL/SHLA & SHC/SHCA", at: <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/data-chart-center/tic/Pages/forms-sh.aspx>. Requests for additional information should be directed to Mr. Wolkow.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Treasury International Capital (TIC) Form SHL/SHLA, "Foreign-Residents' Holdings of U.S. Securities, including Selected Money Market Instruments".

OMB Control Number: 1505-0123.

Abstract: This form collects foreign-residents' holdings of U.S. securities. These data are used by the U.S. Government in the formulation of international financial and monetary policies, and for the computation of the U.S. balance of payments accounts and of the U.S. international investment position. These data are also used to provide information to the public and to meet international reporting commitments. The data collection includes large benchmark surveys conducted every five years, and smaller annual surveys conducted in the non-benchmark years. The data collected under an annual survey are used in conjunction with the results of the preceding benchmark survey to make economy-wide estimates for that non-benchmark year. Currently, the determination of who must report in the annual surveys is based primarily on the data submitted during the preceding benchmark survey. The data requested in the annual survey will generally be the same as requested in the preceding benchmark report. Form SHL is used for the benchmark survey of all significant U.S.-resident custodians and U.S.-resident issuers of securities regarding foreign-residents' holdings of U.S. securities. In non-benchmark years, Form SHLA is used for the annual surveys of primarily the largest U.S.-resident custodians and issuers.