

standards is substantially similar to a 1993 Jeep Wrangler originally manufactured for sale in the United States and certified under 49 U.S.C. § 30115, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

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**Marilynne Jacobs,**

*Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket Number: RSPA-97-2426-1, Notice 1]

#### Pipeline Safety: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice requests public participation in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval process regarding an RSPA new collection of information. RSPA wishes to begin testing a pilot program for a national pipeline mapping system (NPMS). RSPA intends to request OMB approval of this information collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before October 27, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to send comments in duplicate to the Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590-0001 or e-mail to fellm@rspa.dot.gov. The dockets facility is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays, when the facility is closed. Comments must identify docket number of this notice. Persons should submit the original documents and one (1) copy. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments must include a stamped, self-addressed postcard. Please identify the docket and notice numbers shown in the heading of this notice. Documents pertaining to this notice can be viewed in this docket.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marvin Fell, (202) 366-6205, to ask questions about this notice; or write by e-mail to Fellm@rspa.dot.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* National Pipeline Mapping System Pilot Program.

*Type of Request:* New information collection.

*Abstract:* the Department of Transportation (DOT) along with other Federal and state agencies has been working side by side with natural gas and hazardous liquid operators to develop a national pipeline mapping system (NPMS). This system, when complete, will depict and provide data on the natural gas transmission and larger liquid pipelines operating in the United States. The DOT is beginning a volunteer pilot program consisting of 36 pipeline operators (three from each of 12 states participating in the program). These 36 pipeline operators will provide electronic maps of 10-20 miles of their pipeline to one state as well as to one of six regional repositories. DOT will be compensating the states and regional repositories for their startup and operating costs.

*Estimate of Burden:* 4 hours per operator.

*Respondents:* Gas transmission and hazardous liquid operators.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 36.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 144 hours.

Comments are invited on: (a) The need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

All timely written comments to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also be available to the public in the docket.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 20, 1997.

**Richard B. Felder,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33444]

#### Southern Pacific Transportation Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Southern Pacific Transportation Company over UP's north-south rail line known as the Fort Worth Subdivision extending between milepost 250.9, near Fort Worth, and milepost 75.5, near Bryan, and over the Austin Subdivision from milepost 93.6 near Valley Junction (a point on the Fort Worth Subdivision) to milepost 89.6, a total distance of 179.4 miles in the State of Texas.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after the August 8, 1997 effective date of the exemption.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to facilitate efficient train operations in a one-way directional movement of trains.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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. 33444 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Joseph D. Anthofer, Esq., 1416 Dodge Street, #830, Omaha, NE 68179.

Decided: August 20, 1997.