FY 2003 APPLICATION CHECKLIST—Continued

	The State must submit certifications that (i) It will use the funds awarded under this grant program exclusively to implement a child passenger protection program in accordance with the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 2003(b); (ii) It will administer the funds in accordance with 49 CFR Part 18 and OMB Circular A–87; and (iii) It will provide to the NHTSA Regional Administrator no later than 15 months after the grant award a report of activities carried out with grant funds and accomplishments to date.

NHTSA Publications Available To Support Public Education

A number of NHTSA publications are available through the *Traffic Safety Materials Catalog* that address child passenger safety program topics, including targeted education messages such as ''Four Steps for Kids;'' and ''*Sálvele la Vida a Su Bebé.*'' These materials may be ordered from the NHTSA web site at *http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov* or contacting the Office of Communications and Consumer Information by fax at (202) 493–2062.

Issued on: May 29, 2003.

Jeffrey W. Runge,

Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34347]

Regional Rail Right of Way Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Lines of Dallas Area Rapid Transit

Regional Rail Right of Way Company (RRROW), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire an exclusive, perpetual freight rail operating easement over the following rail lines owned by Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART): (1) The Athens Branch East Line (a/k/a Elam Branch) between approximately milepost 314.84 (Briggs Jct.) and approximately milepost 308.8 (Pleasant Drive); (2) the Garland Line between approximately milepost D–755.27 and approximately milepost D–745.5; (3) the Rowlett Extension between approximately milepost 745.5 and approximately milepost 741.3; (4) the Carrollton Line between approximately milepost K–758.04 and approximately milepost K–741.3; (5) the Fair Park East Line between approximately milepost 210.704 (East Dallas Yard) and approximately milepost 210.078 (MP Junction); (6) the Denton Subdivision between approximately milepost K–741.3 (Carrollton) and approximately milepost K–729.5 (Lake Dallas); (7) the Sherman Subdivision between approximately milepost 290.5 (Allen) and approximately milepost 324.84 (South Sherman Jct.); (8) the White Rock/Fair Park Connector between approximately milepost 6.93 (Tenison Park) and approximately milepost 5.06 (MP Jct.); and (9) the Brookhollow Branch Line between approximately milepost 0.0 (DFW Main) and approximately milepost 3.31 (Denton Subdivision) (collectively, the lines). The total distance of the lines is approximately 92.2 miles in Collin, Dallas, Denton, Grayson, and Rockwall Counties, TX.

Pursuant to a Transfer Agreement to be entered into by and between DART and RRROW, RRROW will acquire an exclusive, perpetual freight rail operating easement and all freight common carrier obligations over the lines. RRROW states that the Dallas, Garland and Northeastern Railroad will continue to provide freight operations over the lines. In addition, DART will retain the ownership interest in the right-of-way, trackage, and other physical assets associated with the lines. Consummation of this transaction was expected to occur on or after May 12, 2003, the effective date of the exemption.

RRROW certifies that its projected annual revenues will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and that its projected annual revenues will not exceed $5 million, and thus the transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier.

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. 34347, 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 Edward J. Fishman, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20036–1221.

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

Decided: May 27, 2003.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34346]

Dallas Area Rapid Transit—Acquisition Exemption—Certain Assets of Regional Rail Right of Way Company

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), a political subdivision of the State of Texas, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from its affiliate, Regional Rail Right of Way Company (RRROW), certain railroad assets, consisting of approximately 56 miles of rail line and related trackage in Dallas, Collin, and Tarrant Counties, TX (the lines). The lines include: (1) The line of railroad extending between approximately milepost 632.27 near Ft. Worth, TX, and approximately milepost 578.20 near Wylie, TX; and (2) the existing trackage between Tower 19 and Oakland Avenue in East Dallas, TX.

Pursuant to a Transfer Agreement to be entered into by and between DART and RRROW, DART will acquire RRROW's right, title, and ownership interest in the right-of-way, trackage, and other physical assets associated with the lines, subject to RRROW's reservation of an exclusive, perpetual freight rail operating easement. DART will not acquire the right or obligation to conduct any freight rail operations on the lines.[1] Consummation of this transaction was expected to occur on or after May 12, 2003, the effective date of the exemption.

DART certifies that its projected annual freight 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.

[1] Accordingly, DART has filed a motion to dismiss this notice of exemption. The Board will address the motion to dismiss in a separate decision.

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. 34346, 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 Edward J. Fishman, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036–1221.

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Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Area 2 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the District of Columbia)

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Area 2 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference).

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, July 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inez E. De Jesus at 1–888–912–1227, or 954–423–7977.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Area 2 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Tuesday, July 1, 2003 from 3 p.m. EDT to 4:30 p.m. EDT via a telephone conference call. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service. Individual comments will be limited to 5 minutes. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please call 1–888–912–1227 or 954–423–7977, or write Inez E. De Jesus, TAP Office, 1000 South Pine Island Rd., Suite 340, Plantation, FL 33324. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with Inez E. De Jesus. Ms. De Jesus can be reached at 1–888–912–1227 or 954–423–7977.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Note: Last minute changes to the agenda are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

Dated: May 29, 2003.

Tersheia Carter,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0034]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to evaluate a trainee request for leave from Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 4, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to ''OMB Control No. 2900–0034'' in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273–7079 or FAX (202) 275–5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104–13; 44 U.S.C., 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Trainee Request for Leave—Chapter 31, Title 38, U. S. Code, VA Form 28–1905h.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0034.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 28–1905h is used to request leave and to provide the necessary information to determine whether to approve a trainee request for leave from Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program. A trainer or authorized school official must verify on the form the effect the absence will have on the veteran's progress in the program. Upon approval, the veteran can receive subsistence allowance and other program services during the leave period as if he or she were attending training. Disapproval of the request may result in loss of subsistence allowance for the leave period. Failure to collect the information would create the potential for substantial abuse through receipt of benefits for unauthorized absences.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 7,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30,000.

Dated: May 16, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary:

Jacqueline Parks,

IT Specialist, Records Management Service.

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