

applicants for Extra Help (low-income subsidy assistance) under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108–173) (Extra Help).

*Categories of Records:* SSA's Title XVIII Eligible (T18ELG) table within the Medicare Database File (MDB) contains approximately 90 million records.

The SSA finder file will contain approximately 10,000 records from the MDB each day. Once a month, SSA has an increased volume of approximately 200,000 in one of the daily exchanges. Once a year, the volume will increase by approximately 1.9 million records in the finder file to support the Extra Help process.

The NDNH contains approximately 1.5 billion new hire, quarterly wage, and unemployment insurance records, which represents the most recent 24 months of information. In accordance with section 453(j)(4) of the Act, NDNH information provided to SSA by OCSE will contain all the available data elements from the quarterly wage and unemployment insurance files, if any, pertaining to the individuals whose records are contained in the SSA finder file. 42 U.S.C. 653(j)(4).

Specified Data Elements Used in the Match:

1. SSA will provide OCSE the following data elements electronically in the Finder File:

- COSSN (SSN)
- Name

2. OCSE will provide electronically to SSA the following data elements from the NDNH quarterly wage file:

- Quarterly wage record identifier
- For employees:
  - (1) Name (first, middle, last)
  - (2) SSN
  - (3) Verification request code
  - (4) Processed date
  - (5) Non-verifiable indicator
  - (6) Wage amount
  - (7) Reporting period
- For employers of individuals in the quarterly wage file of the NDNH:
  - (1) Name
  - (2) Employer identification number
  - (3) Address(es)
- Transmitter Agency Code
- Transmitter State Code
- State or Agency Name

3. OCSE will provide electronically to SSA the following data elements from the NDNH unemployment insurance file:

- Unemployment insurance record identifier
- Processed date
- SSN
- Verification request code

- Name (first, middle, last)
- Address
- Unemployment insurance benefit amount
- Reporting period
- Transmitter Agency Code
- Transmitter State Code
- State or Agency Name

4. Data Elements SSA updates in the OCSEFITM table, if there is a match:

- Quarterly Wage record identifier
- For employees:
  - (1) Employee's SSN
  - (2) Employee's wage amount
  - (3) Reporting period
- For employers of individuals:
  - (1) Employer identification number
  - (2) Employer's name
- Unemployment Insurance identifier:
  - (1) Claimant SSN
  - (2) Unemployment insurance benefit amount
  - (3) Reporting period
  - (4) Transmitter State Name

*System(s) of Records:* SSA collects and maintains this information in the Medicare Database (MDB) File system of records, No. 60–0321, published at 69 FR 77816 (December 28, 2004), amended at 71 FR 42159–42164 (July 25, 2006), at 72 FR 69723 (December 10, 2007), and at 83 FR 54969 (November 1, 2018). The MDB contains information related to Medicare Part A, Part B, Medicare Advantage Part C, and Medicare Part D.

OCSE will match SSA information in the MDB against the quarterly wage and unemployment insurance information furnished by state and federal agencies maintained in its system of records "OCSE National Directory of New Hires" (NDNH), No. 09–80–0381 was published in the **Federal Register** on April 2, 2015 at 80 FR 17906 and amended at 83 FR 6591 (February 14, 2018). The disclosure of NDNH information by OCSE to SSA constitutes a "routine use," as defined by the Privacy Act. 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3). Routine use (9) of the SOR authorizes disclosure of NDNH information to SSA, 80 FR 17906, 17907 (April 2, 2015).

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Docket No. AB 874 (Sub-No. 1X)]**

### **Sierra Northern Railway— Abandonment Exemption—in Yolo County, Cal.**

On March 19, 2020, Sierra Northern Railway (Sierra) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption

from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 for Sierra to abandon approximately 0.70 miles of railroad line extending between approximately milepost 3.10 and approximately milepost 3.80, in Yolo County, Cal. (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 95691.

The Line was acquired by Sierra (which was previously known as Yolo Shortline Railroad Company) from Union Pacific Railroad Company in 1992. (Pet., Ex. 8 at 19.) *See Yolo Shortline R.R.—Purchase & Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pac. R.R.*, FD 32107 (ICC served Aug. 11, 1992). According to Sierra, part of the Line sits atop the Sacramento Weir, which is an essential element in the City of Sacramento's flood control system. (Pet. 1.)<sup>1</sup> Sierra proposes to abandon the Line because the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) are in the process of implementing a flood control improvement project that will require, among other things, removal of the Line so that the current Sacramento Weir can be widened. (Pet. 2–3.) Sierra states that it will convey its property interest in the Line to SAFCA soon after consummating the abandonment, and SAFCA will use that property to implement the flood control project. (*Id.* at 11.) Sierra states that there are currently seven customers that it serves via the Line, three of which receive rail service directly at their facilities in Woodland, Cal., and four of which use Sierra's facilities for car storage or car repair operations. Sierra states that the three customers that receive direct rail service have indicated that they plan to use trucks as an alternative to rail service, while the other customers will carry out their storage and repair operations elsewhere. (*Id.* at 6.)

In addition to an exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903, Sierra also seeks an exemption from the offer of financial assistance (OFA) procedures of 49 U.S.C. 10904 and the public use provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10905, and waivers of corresponding regulations, as well as waiver of the interim trail use regulations at 49 CFR 1152.29. In support, Sierra states that the right-of-way for the Line is needed for a valid public purpose, *i.e.*, the flood control project, and there is no overriding need for continued rail service, as all customers have transportation

<sup>1</sup> According to Sierra, the Sacramento Weir is a structure that acts as a flood safety valve, allowing excess flood waters to spill out of the adjacent river system and away from the populated areas of Sacramento and West Sacramento. The Weir also reduces the pressure on the levee system below the Weir. (Pet. 4.)

alternatives. (Pet. 11–12.) According to Sierra, subjecting this abandonment transaction to conditions for offers of financial assistance, public use, or interim trail use would defeat the purpose of this petition. This request will be addressed in the final decision.

According to Sierra, the Line does not contain any federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in Sierra's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by July 7, 2020.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 120 days after the filing of the petition for exemption, or 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption, whichever occurs sooner. Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer by April 20, 2020, indicating the type of financial assistance they wish to provide (*i.e.*, subsidy or purchase) and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(1)(i).

Following authorization for abandonment, the Line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for interim trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than April 28, 2020.<sup>2</sup>

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 874 (Sub-No. 1X), must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Sierra's representative, Anthony J. LaRocca, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036. Replies to this petition are due on or before April 28, 2020.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245–0238 or refer to the full abandonment regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning

environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) at (202) 245–0305.

Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by OEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who comment during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact OEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA generally will be within 30 days of its service.

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: April 2, 2020.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Brendetta Jones,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA–202–0264]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Experimental Permits for Reusable Suborbital Rockets

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The FAA collects information from applicants for experimental permits in order to determine whether they satisfy the requirements for obtaining an experimental permit.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by June 8, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments:

*By Electronic Docket:*

[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (Enter docket number into search field).

*By mail:* Charles Huet, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Room 331, Washington, DC 20591.

*By fax:* 202–267–5463.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charles Huet by email at: [charles.huet@faa.gov](mailto:charles.huet@faa.gov) or; phone: (202) 267–7427.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Public Comments Invited:** You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**OMB Control Number:** 2120–0722.

**Title:** Experimental Permits for Reusable Suborbital Rockets.

**Form Numbers:** There are no FAA forms associated with this collection.

**Type of Review:** Renewal of an information collection.

**Background:** The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on June 19, 2017 (82 FR 27949). There were no comments. 14 CFR part 437 established requirements for the FAA's authority to issue experimental permits for reusable suborbital rockets to authorize launches for the purpose of research and development, crew training and showing compliance with the regulations. The information collected includes data required for performing a safety review, which includes a technical assessment to determine if the applicant can launch a reusable suborbital rocket without jeopardizing public health and safety and the safety of property. This information collection requirement is intended for incorporating acquired data into the experimental permit, which then becomes binding on the launch or reentry operator. The applicant is required to submit information that enables FAA to determine, before issuing a permit, if issuance of the experimental permit would jeopardize the foreign policy or national security interests of the U.S.

**Respondents:** Approximately 10 applicants for experimental permits.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Estimated Average Burden per Response:** 18.6 Hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 2,567 Hours.

<sup>2</sup> Filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25) and (27), respectively.