

Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on October 28, 2003, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by October 6, 2003. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by October 16, 2003, with: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to UP's representative: Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920, Chicago, IL 60606.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

UP has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by October 3, 2003. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1539.

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,100. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

[Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), UP shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by UP's filing of a notice of consummation by September 26, 2004, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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

Decided: September 22, 2003.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of International Affairs; Survey of U.S. Ownership of Foreign Securities as of December 31, 2003

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of reporting requirements.

SUMMARY: By this Notice, the Department of the Treasury is informing the public that it is conducting a mandatory survey of U.S. ownership of foreign securities as of December 31, 2003. This Notice constitutes legal notification to all United States persons who are in the reporting panel set forth in this Notice that they must respond to this survey. Additional copies of the reporting form SHCA and instructions may be printed from the Internet at: <http://www.treas.gov/tic/forms.html>.

Who Must Report: It is expected that reporting will be required only from those organizations which reported the largest values of securities data on the benchmark survey Form SHC entitled "U.S. Ownership of Foreign Securities, Including Selected Money Market Instruments as of December 31, 2001". The panel for this survey is expected to

include: The 36 largest custodians and largest end-investors that filed schedule 2 in the aforementioned 2001 benchmark survey; and 194 of the next largest end-investors that filed schedule 3 in the aforementioned 2001 benchmark survey. Entities required to report will be contacted individually by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Entities not contacted by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York have no reporting responsibilities.

What To Report: This report will collect information on U.S. resident holdings of foreign securities, *i.e.* equities, long-term debt securities, and short-term debt securities (including selected money market instruments).

How To Report: Copies of the survey forms and instructions, which contain complete information on reporting procedures and definitions, can be obtained by contacting the survey staff of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at (212) 720-6300, e-mail: SHC.help@ny.frb.org. The mailing address is: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Statistics Function, 4th Floor, 33 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10045-0001.

When To Report: Data must be submitted to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, acting as fiscal agent for the Department of the Treasury, by March 5, 2004.

Dwight Wolkow,

Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Reporting Systems.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Joint Comment Request

AGENCIES: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board); and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice of information collection to be submitted to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C.

chapter 35), the OCC, the Board, and the FDIC (collectively, the "agencies") may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

During the second quarter of 2003, the agencies, under the auspices of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC), requested public comment on the extension, without revision, of the currently approved information collections: the Foreign Branch Report of Condition (FFIEC 030). In response to a comment letter received, the FFIEC, of which the agencies are members, will modify the information collection to eliminate two items and redefine four items. The agencies are now submitting requests to OMB for approval of the extension, with revision, of the FFIEC 030 report.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 27, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to any or all of the agencies. All comments should refer to the OMB control number(s) and will be shared among the agencies.

OCC: Comments should be sent to the Public Information Room, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Mailstop 1-5, Attention: 1557-0099, 250 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20219. Due to delays in paper mail delivery in the Washington area, commenters are encouraged to submit comments by fax or e-mail. Comments may be sent by fax to (202) 874-4448, or by e-mail to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. You can inspect and photocopy the comments at the OCC's Public Information Room, 250 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20219. You can make an appointment to inspect the comments by calling (202) 874-5043.

Board: Written comments, which should refer to "Foreign Branch Report of Condition, 7100-0071," may be mailed to Ms. Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20551. However, because paper mail in the Washington area and at the Board of Governors is subject to delay, please consider submitting your comments by e-mail to regs.comments@federalreserve.gov, or faxing them to the Office of the Secretary at 202-452-3819 or 202-452-3102. Members of the public may inspect comments in Room MP-500 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays pursuant to 261.12, except as

provided in 261.14, of the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information, 12 CFR 261.12 and 261.14.

FDIC: Written comments should be addressed to Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary, Attention: Comments/Legal, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429. All comment should refer to "Foreign Branch Report of Condition, 3064-0011." Commenters are encouraged to submit comments by fax or electronic mail [FAX number (202) 898-3838; Internet address: comments@fdic.gov]. Comments also may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 550 17th Street Building (located on F Street) on business days between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Comments may be inspected and photocopied in the FDIC Public Information Center, Room 100, 801 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on business days.

A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the agencies: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 or electronic mail to jlackeyj@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information or a copy of the collection may be requested from:

OCC: Jessie Dunaway, OCC Clearance Officer, or Camille Dixon, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20219.

Board: Cindy Ayouch, Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer, (202) 452-3829, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may call (202) 263-4869, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

FDIC: Steven F. Hanft, FDIC Clearance Officer, (202) 898-3907, Legal Division, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for OMB approval to extend for three years with revision the following currently approved information collections:

Title: Foreign Branch Report of Condition

Form Number: FFIEC 030

Frequency of Response: Annually, and quarterly for significant branches

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit

For OCC:

OMB Number: 1557-0099

Number of Respondents: 112 annual respondents; 47 quarterly respondents
Estimated Time per Response: 3.7 burden hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,110 burden hours.

For Board:

OMB Number: 7100-0071

Number of Respondents: 72 annual respondents; 26 quarterly respondents
Estimated Time per Response: 3.7 burden hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 651 burden hours.

For FDIC:

OMB Number: 3064-0011

Number of Respondents: 16 annual respondents
Estimated Time per Response: 3.7 burden hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 59 burden hours.

General Description of Report: These information collections are mandatory: 12 U.S.C. 321, 324, and 602 (Board); 12 U.S.C. 602 (OCC); and 12 U.S.C. 1828 (FDIC). These information collections are given confidential treatment (5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(8)). Small businesses (that is, small banks) are not affected.

Abstract: This report contains asset and liability information for foreign branches of insured U.S. commercial banks and is required for regulatory and supervisory purposes. The information is used to analyze the foreign operations of U.S. commercial banks. All foreign branches of U.S. banks regardless of charter type file this report with the appropriate Federal Reserve District Bank. The Federal Reserve collects this information on behalf of the U.S. bank's primary federal bank regulatory agency.

Current Actions: On May 8, 2003, the OCC and the Board published a notice soliciting comment for 60 days on the proposed extension, without revision, of the FFIEC 030 (68 FR 24741). The FDIC published a separate notice proposing extension, without revision, of the FFIEC 030 on April 21, 2003 (68 FR 19542). The agencies received one comment letter from a bankers association on the proposed extension. The comment noted that banks are currently required to report on the FFIEC 030 the net amounts due from or due to related institutions of the consolidated bank on separate lines according to institution type: other foreign branches, the head office and U.S. branches, and the consolidated subsidiaries of the bank. The association indicated that providing this level of detail is particularly burdensome and

requested that branches instead report only the gross amounts due to and due from related entities as a group.

After considering the comments received, the FFIEC and the agencies decided to modify the information collected on the net due from and the net due to related institutions to collect a two-way breakout of these items on a gross basis. Specifically, Assets item 10, "Net due from other foreign branches of this bank," and item 11, "Net due from head office and U.S. branches of this bank" will be combined and collected as a single item on a gross basis. Assets item 12, "Net due from consolidated subsidiaries of this bank," will be modified to be reported on a gross basis. Similarly, Liabilities item 21, "Net due to other foreign branches of this bank," and item 22, "Net due to head office and U.S. branches of this bank" will be combined and collected as a single item on a gross basis. Liabilities item 23, "Net due to consolidated subsidiaries of this bank," will be modified to be reported on a gross basis. This modification will take effect as of the December 31, 2003, report date.

In making this change, the FFIEC and the agencies concluded that combining the separate items that distinguish a foreign branch's funding to or from U.S. offices of the bank from its funding to or from other foreign offices of the bank into items covering all intrabank funding will provide adequate information for supervisory purposes. However, sources of funding to subsidiaries of U.S. banks, and particularly funding of foreign subsidiaries of U.S. banks, remains a concern to the agencies. To the extent that foreign branches provide funding to subsidiaries, financial or economic disruption in foreign countries could have an adverse effect on both entities. Also in certain cases, foreign authorities may limit the transactions of local subsidiaries, and thus foreign branches' claims on their related subsidiaries could become impaired. Collecting information on the branches' due from and due to position with consolidated subsidiaries of the bank provides the agencies with the ability to monitor such positions on an ongoing basis.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on:

- a. Whether the information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the agencies' functions, including whether the information has practical utility;
- b. The accuracy of the agencies' estimates of the burden of the information collections, including the

validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collections on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

e. Estimates of capital or start up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be shared among the agencies. All comments will become a matter of public record. Written comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection request.

Dated: September 3, 2003.

Mark J. Tenhundfeld

Assistant Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 17, 2003.

Jennifer J. Johnson

Secretary of the Board

Dated at Washington, D.C., this 17 day of September, 2003.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION.

Robert E. Feldman

Executive Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 972

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13(44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 972, Consent of Shareholder To Include Specific Amount in Gross Income.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 25, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Larnice Mack at Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3179, or through the Internet at Larnice.Mack@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title: Consent of Shareholder To Include Specific Amount in Gross Income.

OMB Number: 1545-0043.

Form Number: 972.

Abstract: Form 972 is filed by shareholders of corporations who agree to include a consent dividend in gross income as a taxable dividend. The IRS uses Form 972 as a check to see if an amended return is filed by the shareholder to include the amount in income and to determine if the corporation claimed the correct amount as a deduction on its tax return.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households and business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Responses: 400.

Estimated Time Per Response: 55 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 368.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: