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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jackie Smith, Office of Rulemaking, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-9682.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is given of a meeting of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to be held February 3-5, 1998 at Douglas Products Division of Boeing, 3855 Lakewood Boulevard, Long Beach, CA.

The agenda for the meeting will include:

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1998**

- Opening Remarks.
- FAA Report.
- Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA) Report.
- Transport Canada Report.
- Executive Committee (EXCOM) Report.
- Harmonization Management Team (HMT) Meeting Report.
- Issues List and Tasking Chart/Harmonization Program Plan Meeting Report.
- Action Item Reports.
- Flight Test Harmonization Working Group (HWG) Report.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1998**

- Powerplant Installation HWG Report.
- Engine HWG Report.
- Ice Protection HWG Report.
- Electromagnetic Effects HWG Report.
- Loads & Dynamics HWG Report and Vote.
- General Structures HWG Report.
- Flight Guidance System (HWG) Report and Vote.
- Systems Design and Analysis HWG Report and Vote.
- Braking Systems HWG Report and Vote.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1998**

- Airworthiness Assurance HWG Report.
- Hydraulic Test HWG Report.
- Review Action Items.
- Review Future Meeting Schedule and Set Next Meeting.

Attendance is open to the interested public, but will be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements by January 20, 1998, to present oral statements at the meeting. The public may present written statements to the committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Assistant Executive Director for Transport

Airplane and Engine Issues or by providing copies at the meeting. In addition, sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as a listening device, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

The Loads & Dynamics HWG is requesting a vote to accept a draft notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) concerning Interaction of Systems and Structures. The Flight Guidance System HWG is requesting a vote to accept a Statement of Work to develop and recommend appropriate changes to the Federal Aviation Regulations, Joint Aviation Authorities Regulations, and any associated advisory material related to airplane flight guidance and control and associated flight deck automation. The Systems Design and Analysis HWG is requesting a vote to proceed with formal economic and legal review of draft NPRM and advisory circular (AC) for §§ 25.1309 and 25.1310, and the Systems Design and Analysis HWG is requesting a vote to accept a draft NPRM, AC, and Technical Standard Order concerning revising the airworthiness standards for transport category airplanes to harmonize braking systems design and test requirements with standard proposed for the JAR. Arrangements may be made to present statements, request sign, oral interpretation, or listening devices, and request copies of the documents to be voted upon by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 9, 1998.

**Joseph A. Hawkins,**

*Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33532]

#### **West Isle Line, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company**

West Isle Line, Inc. (WIL), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company and to operate approximately 5.25 miles of rail line and associated assets between milepost 0+500 feet (milepost 0.09), at Stoil, CA, and milepost 5+2965.80 feet (milepost 5.56), at Alpaugh, CA.

The earliest the transaction could be consummated was December 22, 1997, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding 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. 33532, 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 Jeffrey O. Moreno, Esq., Donelan, Cleary, Wood & Maser, P.C., 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 750, Washington, DC 20005-3934.

Decided: January 7, 1998.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Secretary

#### **List of Countries Requiring Cooperation With an International Boycott**

In order to comply with the mandate of section 999(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Department of the Treasury is publishing a current list of countries which may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

On the basis of the best information currently available to the Department of the Treasury, the following countries may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

Bahrain  
Iraq  
Kuwait  
Lebanon  
Libya  
Oman  
Qatar  
Saudi Arabia  
Syria  
United Arab Emirates  
Yemen, Republic of

Dated: January 7, 1997.

**Philip West,**

*International Tax Counsel (Tax Policy).*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Internal Revenue Service**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1098-T**

**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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 1098-T, Tuition Payments Statement.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 16, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 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 Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Tuition Payments Statement

*OMB Number:* 1545-1574

*Form Number:* 1098-T

*Abstract:* Section 6050S of the Internal Revenue Code requires eligible education institutions to report certain information to the IRS and to students. Form 1098-T has been developed to meet this requirement.

*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:* Business or other for-profit organizations and not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 22,000,000

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 7 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 2,420,000

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: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information 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.

Approved: January 5, 1998.

**Garrick R. Shear,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Internal Revenue Service**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1098-E**

**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 1098-E, Student Loan Interest Statement.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 16, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 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 Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Student Loan Interest Statement.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1576.

*Form Number:* 1098-E.

*Abstract:* Section 6050S(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code requires persons (financial institutions, governmental units, etc.) to report \$600 or more of interest paid on student loans to the IRS and the students. Form 1098-E is used for this purpose.

*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:* Business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, and State, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 15,000,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 3 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 750,000.

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: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;