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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Ries, Office of Safety, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: 202-493-6299); or Kathryn Shelton, Office of Chief Counsel, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: 202-493-6038).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 18, 2003, FRA published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 70586) an interim final rule requiring that a locomotive horn be sounded while a train is approaching and entering a public highway-rail crossing. The rules also provide for an exception to the above requirement in circumstances in which there is not a significant risk of loss of life or serious personal injury, use of the locomotive horn is impractical, or safety measures fully compensate for the absence of the warning provided by the horn.

As provided in the Interim Final Rule, the NSRT is a number reflecting the measure of risk, calculated on a nationwide basis, which reflects the average level of risk to the motoring public at public highway-rail grade crossings equipped with flashing lights and gates at which locomotive horns are sounded. This number is used in the determination of whether quiet zones may be created under the terms of the Interim Final Rule.

Although the Interim Final Rule is not effective until December 18, 2004, FRA is providing an update of the NSRT at this time to assist communities in their planning efforts. Accordingly, in accordance with the terms of the Interim Final Rule, FRA has calculated the NSRT to be 16,988.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-1999-6439, Notice No. 10]

RIN 2130-AA71

Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: FRA announces that information on whether existing whistle ban jurisdictions may qualify as Pre-Rule Quiet Zones under the Interim Final Rule on the Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings has been placed in the public docket of this proceeding and also placed on FRA's Web site.

ADDRESSES: The document entitled "Status of Existing Whistle Bans under the Train Horn Rule" is available in DOT's Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-001. It is also available on the Docket Management Facility's Internet site at <http://dms.dot.gov> and on FRA's web site at <http://www.fra.dot.gov>.

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FRA has placed in the public docket (Docket No. FRA-1999-6439, Document No. 2509) and on FRA's Web site (<http://www.fra.dot.gov>), a document entitled "Status of Existing Whistle Bans under the Train Horn Rule." This document provides FRA's best estimate at the present time as to whether specific existing whistle ban jurisdictions may qualify as Pre-Rule Quiet Zones under the Interim Final Rule without taking additional steps to reduce risk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34457]

Utah Central Railway Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Boyer BDO, L.C. and City of Ogden, UT

Utah Central Railway Company (UCRC), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 *et seq.* to acquire from Boyer BDO, L.C. and the City of Ogden, UT, the right to operate over approximately 15 miles of trackage in Ogden. The tracks are located within an industrial area known as the Business Depot Ogden (BDO) and are known as the BDO Industrial Tracks. The tracks extend west from Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UP) mainline tracks at milepost UN 04.7.¹

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

Consummation of the transaction was scheduled to take place on January 20, 2004, 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 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. 34457, 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 Dennis C. Farley, 299 South Main, Suite 2200, Wells Fargo Center, Salt Lake City, UT 84111.

¹ UCRC currently operates over certain portions of UP's rail line in Ogden. See *Utah Central Railway Company—Lease and Operation Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 34051 (STB served Aug. 22, 2001).

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

Decided: January 27, 2004.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of the Public Debt

Proposed Collection: Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of the Public Debt, 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 Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the regulations governing payments by the automated clearing house method on account of United States securities.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 6, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Vicki S. Thorpe, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, or Vicki.Thorpe@bpd.treas.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Vicki S. Thorpe, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, (304) 480-6553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulations Governing Payments by the Automated Clearing House Method on Account of United States Securities.

OMB Number: 1535-0094.

Abstract: The regulations authorize payment to investors in United States securities by the Automated Clearing House (ACH Method).

Current Actions: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit, and State or local governments.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1.

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.

Dated: February 2, 2004.

Vicki S. Thorpe,

Manager, Graphics, Printing and Records Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of the Public Debt

Proposed Collection: Comment Request

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 Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Regulations Governing United States Savings Bonds Series E/EE and H/HH.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 6, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Vicki S. Thorpe, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg,

WV 26106-1328, or Vicki.Thorpe@bpd.treas.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulations Governing United States Savings Bonds Series E/EE and H/HH.

OMB Number: 1535-0095.

Abstract: The regulations mandate the payment of H/HH interest by Direct Deposit (ACH Method).

Current Actions: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit, and state or local governments.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1.

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.

Dated: February 2, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of the Public Debt

Proposed Collection: Comment Request

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