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Decided: March 24, 2008.

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

Anne K. Quinlan,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34992]

Itasca County Regional Rail Authority—Petition for Exemption—Construction of a Line of Railroad in Itasca County, MN

Lead Agency: Surface Transportation Board.

Cooperating Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Request for Public Review and Comment.

SUMMARY: On March 9, 2007, the Itasca County Regional Rail Authority (ICRRA) filed a petition with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) seeking authority to construct and operate a new rail line in Itasca County, Minnesota. The Board, through its Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) and in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), is the lead agency responsible for the preparation of the Environmental Assessment (EA).

The proposed line would extend approximately nine miles, starting at the connection with an existing rail line at Taconite and continuing to the site of a new steel mill to be built by Minnesota Steel Industries, LLC (Minnesota Steel) at the end of the line at Nashwauk, Minnesota. Principal commodities to be handled include miscellaneous chemicals, outbound steel slabs, and taconite pellets. The proposed rail line would initially serve the Minnesota Steel facility, but would also handle any additional traffic that future customers that may locate along the right-of-way generate. The proposed rail line would accommodate one round trip per day, seven days per week.

Based on the information provided from all sources to date and its

independent analysis, SEA preliminarily concludes that construction and operation of the proposed rail line would not have significant environmental impacts if the Board imposes and ICRRA implements the recommended mitigation measures set forth in the EA.

Copies of the EA have been served on all interested parties and will be made available to additional parties upon request. The entire EA is also available for review on the Board's Web site (<http://www.stb.dot.gov>) by clicking on the "Decisions and Notices" link, then "E-LIBRARY" and searching by the Service Date (March 28, 2008) or Docket Number (FD 34992). SEA, working with USACE, will consider all comments received in making its final recommendations to the Board. The Board will then consider SEA's final recommendations and the complete environmental record in making its final decision in this proceeding.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kenneth Blodgett, SEA Project Manager, at (202) 245-0305; e-mail: blodgett@stb.dot.gov. Federal Information Relay Service for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.

DATES: The EA is available for public review and comment. All faxed and electronic comments must be submitted by May 2, 2008; comments sent by mail must be post-marked by May 2, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Kenneth Blodgett, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423, Attn: Docket No. FD 34992.

Please reference STB Docket No. 34992 in all correspondence.

Comments on the EA may also be filed electronically on the Board's Web site, <http://www.stb.dot.gov>, by clicking on the "E-FILING" link.

By the Board, Victoria Rutson, Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis.

Anne K. Quinlan,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC); Nominations

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Department of The Treasury.

ACTION: Request for Nominations.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requests nominations of

individuals to be considered for selection as Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC) members. Individuals may nominate themselves or be nominated by interested organizations. Nominations will be accepted for current vacancies and should describe and document the applicants' qualifications for membership. IRPAC can be comprised of no more than thirty-five (35) members. There are six (6) positions open for calendar year 2009. It is important that IRPAC continue to represent a diverse taxpayer and stakeholder base. Accordingly, to maintain membership diversity, selection is based on applicant's qualifications in addition to consideration of the segment or group he/she represents.

The IRPAC advises the IRS on information reporting issues of mutual concern to the private sector and the federal government. The committee works with the Commissioner and other IRS leadership to provide recommendations on a wide range of information reporting administration issues. Membership is balanced to include representation from the tax professional community, businesses, banking, insurance, state tax administration, colleges and universities, securities, payroll, foreign financial institutions and other industries.

DATES: Written nominations must be received on or before May 30, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Ms. Caryl Grant, National Public Liaison, CL:NPL:SRM, Room 7559 IR, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, Attn: IRPAC Nominations. Applications may be submitted by mail to the address above or faxed to 202-622-8345. Application packages are available on the Tax Professional's Page, which is located on the IRS Internet Web site at <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/index.html>. Application packages may also be requested by telephone from National Public Liaison, 202-927-3641 (not a toll-free number).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Caryl Grant, at 202-927-3641 (not a toll-free number) or [*Public_Liaison@irs.gov](mailto:Public_Liaison@irs.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: IRPAC was established in 1991 in response to an administrative recommendation in the final Conference Report of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989. Since its inception, IRPAC has worked closely with the IRS to provide recommendations on a wide range of

issues intended to improve the information reporting program and achieve fairness to taxpayers. Conveying the public's perception of IRS activities to the Commissioner, the IRPAC is comprised of individuals who bring substantial, disparate experience and diverse backgrounds to the Committee's activities.

IRPAC members are appointed by the Commissioner and serve a term of three years with approximately one third of the member's terms expiring each year. Working groups address policies and administration issues specific to information reporting. Members are not paid for their services. However, travel expenses for working sessions, public meetings and orientation sessions, such as airfare, per diem, and transportation to and from airports, train stations, etc., are reimbursed within prescribed federal travel limitations.

Receipt of applications will be acknowledged, and all individuals will be notified when selections have been made. In accordance with Department of Treasury Directive 21-03, a clearance process including, fingerprints, annual tax checks, a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal and subversive name check, and a practitioner check with the Office of Professional Responsibility will be conducted.

Equal opportunity practices will be followed for all appointments to the IRPAC in accordance with the Department of Treasury and IRS policies. To ensure that the recommendations of the IRPAC have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the IRS, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals who demonstrate the ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. The Secretary of Treasury will review the recommended candidates and approve final selections.

Dated: March 25, 2008.

Cynthia Vanderpool,

Designated Federal Official, National Public Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0115]

Agency Information Collection (Supporting Statement Regarding Marriage) Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 1, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov> or to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0115" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-7485, FAX (202) 273-0443 or e-mail denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0115."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Supporting Statement Regarding Marriage, VA Form 21-4171.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0115.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The data collected on VA Form 21-4171 is used to determine a claimant's eligibility for benefits based on a common law marital relationship. Benefits cannot be paid unless the marital relationship between the claimant and the veteran is established. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on January 22, 2008, at pages 3808-3809.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 800 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per

Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,400.

Dated: March 25, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0606]

Agency Information Collection (Regulation for Submission of Evidence) Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-21), this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 1, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov>; or to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0606" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-7485, fax (202) 273-0443 or e-mail denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0606."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulation for Submission of Evidence—Title 38 CFR 17.101(a)(4).