

illustrations. To view the petition and all supporting documents log onto the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Then follow the online search instructions to locate docket number “NHTSA–2015–0074.”

Baby Jogger additionally informed NHTSA that they have corrected all labeling noncompliances and that all future productions of the infant car seat/stroller systems and stand-alone units will be in full compliance with FMVSS No. 213.

In summation, Baby Jogger believes that the described noncompliance of the subject infant car seat/stroller systems and standalone units is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety, and that its petition, to exempt Baby Jogger from providing recall notification of noncompliance as required by 49 U.S.C. 30118 and remedying the recall noncompliance as required by 49 U.S.C. 30120 should be granted.

NHTSA notes that the statutory provisions (49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h)) that permit manufacturers to file petitions for a determination of inconsequentiality allow NHTSA to exempt manufacturers only from the duties found in sections 30118 and 30120, respectively, to notify owners, purchasers, and dealers of a defect or noncompliance and to remedy the defect or noncompliance. Therefore, any decision on this petition only applies to the subject child restraints that Baby Jogger no longer controlled at the time it determined that the noncompliance existed. However, any decision on this petition does not relieve child restraint distributors and dealers of the prohibitions on the sale, offer for sale, or introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of the noncompliant child restraints under their control after Baby Jogger notified them that the subject noncompliance existed.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.95 and 501.8.

Jeffrey Giuseppe,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 34075]

Six County Association of Governments—Construction and Operation Exemption—A Rail Line Between Levan and Salina, Utah

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of construction and operation exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board is granting an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 for Six County Association of Governments (Six County) to construct and operate a new line of railroad between Salina, Utah, and a connection with an existing line of the Union Pacific Railroad Company near Juab, Utah. The rail line would provide an alternative rail service option to local industries, particularly the Southern Utah Fuel Company coal mine located about 30 miles northeast of Salina. This exemption is subject to environmental mitigation conditions.

DATES: The exemption will be effective on October 3, 2015; petitions for reconsideration must be filed by September 23, 2015.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 34075 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington DC 20423–0001. In addition, one copy of each filing in this proceeding must be served on petitioner’s representative: Sandra L. Brown, Thompson Hine LLP, 1919 M Street NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036–1600.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nathaniel Bawcombe, (202) 245–0376. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: (800) 877–8339). Copies of written filings will be available for viewing and self-copying at the Board’s Public Docket Room, Room 131, and will be posted to the Board’s Web site.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board’s decision. Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at “WWW.STB.DOT.GOV.”

By the Board, Chairman Elliott, Vice Chairman Begeman, and Commissioner Miller.

Decided: August 31, 2015.

Kenyatta Clay,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Information Collection Activities: Statutory Licensing and Consolidation Authority

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: 30-day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3519 (PRA), the Surface Transportation Board (Board) gives notice that it is requesting from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of an extension of the information collection—Statutory Licensing and Consolidation Authority—further described below. The Board previously published a notice about this collection in the **Federal Register**, 80 FR 38,508 (July 6, 2015). That notice allowed for a 60-day public review and comment period. One comment was received and is addressed in the agency’s submission to OMB as part of this approval process.

Under 49 U.S.C. 10901–03 and §§ 11323–26, rail carriers and non-carriers are required to file an application with the Board, or seek an exemption (through petition or notice) from the full application process under § 10502, before they may construct, acquire, or operate a line of railroad; abandon or discontinue operations over a line of railroad; or consolidate their interests through a merger or common-control arrangement. (The relevant information collections are described in more detail below.)

Comments are requested concerning: (1) The accuracy of the Board’s burden estimates; (2) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (3) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, when appropriate; and (4) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility.

Description of Collections

Title: Statutory Licensing and Consolidation Authority.

OMB Control Number: 2140-0023.

STB Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Respondents: Rail carriers and non-carriers seeking statutory licensing or consolidation authority or an exemption from filing an application for such authority.

Number of Respondents: 74.¹

Frequency: On occasion.

TABLE—NUMBER OF RESPONSES IN FY 2011

Type of filing	Number of filings under 49 U.S.C. 10901-03 and 11323-26
Applications	2
Petitions*	18
Notices*	103

* Under § 10502, petitions for exemption and notices of exemption are permitted in lieu of an application.

Total Burden Hours (annually including all respondents): 4,049 hours (sum total of estimated hours per response × number of responses for each type of filing).

TABLE—ESTIMATED HOURS PER RESPONSE

Type of filing	Number of hours per response under 49 U.S.C. 10901-03 and 11323-26
Applications	524
Petitions	58
Notices	19

Total Annual “Non-hour Burden” Cost: Approximately \$1,537.50 (sum total of the cost per response × number of responses for each type of filing). Filings are submitted electronically to the Board; so there is no cost for filing with the Board. However, respondents are sometimes required, as part of this collection, to send letters to certain governmental agencies notifying them of the proposed action being sought before the Board. (Copies of these letters are part of an environmental and historic report that is sometimes required as part of this collection.) Because some of these agencies may require hard copy letters, there may be some limited mailing costs, which we have estimated at approximately \$12.50 per response.

Needs and Uses: Under the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended by the ICC Termination Act of 1995, Public Law 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (1995), persons seeking to construct, acquire or operate a line of railroad and railroads seeking to abandon or to discontinue operations over a line of railroad or, in the case of two or more railroads, to consolidate their interests through merger or a common-control arrangement are required to file an application with the Board. See 49 U.S.C. 10901-03 and 11323-26. Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, persons may seek an exemption from many of the application requirements of §§ 10901-03 and 11323-26 by filing with the Board a petition for exemption or notice of exemption in lieu of an application. The collection by the Board of these applications, petitions, and notices enables the Board to meet its statutory duty to regulate the referenced rail transactions. See *Table—Statutory and Regulatory Provisions* below.

Retention Period: Information in these collections is maintained by the Board

for ten years, after which it is transferred to the National Archives as permanent records.

DATES: Comments on this information collection should be submitted by October 8, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be identified as “Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Surface Transportation Board, Statutory Licensing and Consolidation Authority.” These comments should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Chandana L. Achanta, Surface Transportation Board Desk Officer, by email at OIRA.SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV; by fax at (202) 395-6974; or by mail to Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding the Statutory Licensing and Consolidation Authority, contact Chris Oehrle, Surface Transportation Board, via mail at 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001, telephone at (202) 245-0271, or email at PHA@stb.dot.gov. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: (800) 877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under §§ 10901-03 and 11323-26, an application must be filed to seek authority under these sections, but an applicant may file a petition or notice pursuant to an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502. Respondents seeking authority from the Board under these provisions must submit certain information required under the Board’s related regulations. The table below shows the statutory and regulatory provisions under which the Board requires the information collections that are the subject of this notice.

TABLE—STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS*

Certificate required	Statutory provision	Regulations
Construct, Acquire, or Operate Railroad Lines	49 U.S.C. 10901	49 CFR pt. 1150.
Short Line purchases by Class II and Class III Rail Carriers	49 U.S.C. 10902	49 CFR 1150.41-45.
Abandonments and Discontinuances	49 U.S.C. 10903	49 CFR pt. 1152.
Railroad Acquisitions, Trackage Rights, and Leases	49 U.S.C. 11323-26	49 CFR pt. 1180.

* STB regulations may be viewed on the STB Web site under E-Library > Reference: STB Rules (http://www.stb.dot.gov/stb/elibrary/ref_stbrules.html).

Under the PRA, a federal agency conducting or sponsoring a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c),

includes agency requirements or requests that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Section 3507(b) of the PRA requires, concurrent with an agency’s submitting

a collection to OMB for approval, a 30-day notice and comment period through publication in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed

¹ Approximately 40% of the filings were additional filings submitted by railroads that had

already submitted filings during the time period. Therefore, the number of respondents (74) is

approximately 40% less than the number of filings (123).

extension of an existing collection of information.

Dated: September 2, 2015.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

**Information Collection Activities:
Statutory Authority To Preserve Rail
Service (49 U.S.C. 10904-05 and 10907,
and 16 U.S.C. 1247(d))**

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: 30-day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3519 (PRA), the Surface Transportation Board (Board) gives notice that it is requesting from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of an extension of the information collection—Statutory Authority to Preserve Rail Service—further described below. The Board previously published a notice about this collection in the **Federal Register**. 80 FR 38509 (July 6, 2015). That notice allowed for a 60-day public review and comment period. No comments were received.

Under these statutory provisions, the Board administers programs designed to preserve railroad service or rail rights-of-way. When a line is proposed for abandonment, affected shippers, communities, or other interested persons may seek to preserve rail service by filing with the Board: an offer of financial assistance (OFA) to subsidize or purchase a rail line for which a railroad is seeking abandonment (49 U.S.C. 10904), including a request for the Board to set terms and conditions of the financial assistance; a request for a public use condition (§ 10905); or a trail-use request (16 U.S.C. 1247(d)). Similarly, when a line is placed on a system diagram map identifying it as an anticipated or potential candidate for abandonment, affected shippers, communities, or other interested persons may seek to preserve rail service by filing with the Board a feeder line application to purchase the identified rail line (§ 10907). When a line is so placed on the map, the feeder line applicant need not demonstrate that the public convenience and necessity

require or permit the sale of the line, but need only pay the constitutional minimum value to acquire it. Additionally, the railroad owning the rail line subject to abandonment must, in some circumstances, provide information to the applicant or offeror. The relevant information collections are described in more detail below.

Comments are requested concerning: (1) The accuracy of the Board’s burden estimates; (2) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (3) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology when appropriate; and (4) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility.

Description of Collections

Title: Statutory Authority to Preserve Rail Service.

OMB Control Number: 2140-0022.

STB Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Respondents: Affected shippers, communities, or other interested persons seeking to preserve rail service over rail lines that are proposed or identified for abandonment, and railroads that are required to provide information to the offeror or applicant.

Number of Respondents: 40 (including informational filings required of railroads).

Frequency: On occasion.

(sum total of estimated hours per response × number of responses for each type of filing).

TABLE—ESTIMATED HOURS PER RESPONSE

Type of filing	Number of hours per response
Offer of Financial Assistance ...	32
OFA—Railroad Reply to Request for Information	10
OFA—Request to Set Terms and Conditions	² 40
Request for Public Use Condition	2
Feeder Line Application	70
Trail-Use Request	4
Trail-Use Request Extension ...	4

Total “Non-hour Burden” Cost: None identified. Filings are submitted electronically to the Board.

Needs and Uses: Under the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended by the ICC Termination Act of 1995, Public Law 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (1995), and Section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) (Trails Act), persons seeking to preserve rail service may file pleadings before the Board to acquire or subsidize a rail line for continued service, or to impose a trail use or public use condition. Under 49 U.S.C. 10904, the filing of an OFA starts a process of negotiations to define the financial assistance needed to purchase or subsidize the rail line sought for abandonment. Once the OFA is filed, the offeror may request additional information from the railroad, which the railroad must provide. If the parties cannot agree to the sale or subsidy, either party also may file a request for the Board to set the terms and conditions of the financial assistance. Under § 10905, a public use request allows the Board to impose a 180-day public use condition on the abandonment of a rail line, permitting the parties to negotiate a public use for the rail line. Under § 10907, a feeder line application provides the basis for authorizing an involuntary sale of a rail line. Finally, under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d), a trail-use request, if agreed upon by the abandoning carrier, requires the Board to condition the abandonment by issuing a Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) or Certificate of Interim Trail Use (CITU), permitting the parties to

TABLE—NUMBER OF YEARLY RESPONSES

Type of filing	Number of filings
Offer of Financial Assistance ...	1
OFA—Railroad Reply to Request for Information	2
OFA—Request to Set Terms and Conditions	1
Request for Public Use Condition	1
Feeder Line Application	1
Trail-Use Request	27
Trail-Use Request Extension ...	¹ 24

Total Burden Hours (annually including all respondents): 368 hours

¹ In the 60-day notice for this collection, the Board estimated that the number of Trail-Use Request Extensions would be 94, but, upon further review, staff has revised the number to 24 because staff believes that number more accurately reflects the annual number of this type of filing.

² In the 60-day notice, the Board used four hours for the estimated hours for filing of an “OFA-Request to Set Terms and Conditions,” but, upon review, staff updated this amount to more accurately reflect the hourly burden for this filing, estimating it to be 40 hours rather than four. Therefore, this notice updates those burden hours.

negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking agreement for the rail line.

The collection by the Board of these offers, requests, and applications, and the railroad's replies (when required), enables the Board to meet its statutory duty to regulate the referenced rail transactions.

Retention Period: Information in these collections is maintained by the Board for ten years, after which it is transferred to the National Archives as permanent records.

DATES: Comments on this information collection should be submitted by October 8, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be identified as "Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Surface Transportation Board, Statutory Authority to Preserve Rail Service." These comments should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Chandana L. Achanta, Surface Transportation Board Desk Officer, by email at OIRA_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV; by fax at (202) 395-6974; or by mail to Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding the Statutory Authority to Preserve Rail Service, contact Chris Oehrle, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001, or email PRA@stb.dot.gov. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: (800) 877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Respondents seeking authority from the Board to preserve rail lines must submit certain information required under the Board's related regulations and, in some circumstances, railroads seeking to abandon a line must disclose certain information to the offeror or applicant.

Offer of Financial Assistance. When a rail line would otherwise be approved for abandonment (or discontinuance), any financially responsible person may seek to acquire the line for continued rail service (after abandonment has been approved), or may seek to temporarily subsidize continued operations by the incumbent railroad (after abandonment or discontinuance has been approved), by filing an OFA under 49 U.S.C. 10904 and 49 CFR 1152.27. An OFA may be submitted to the Board as soon as the railroad seeks abandonment (or discontinuance) authority. Once an OFA is submitted, the abandoning railroad must, upon request, promptly provide to any party considering an OFA and to the Board an estimate of the annual subsidy or minimum purchase price; a report on the physical condition of the

line; and data on traffic, revenues, net liquidation value, and the cost to rehabilitate to class I (minimum) track standards. If the parties are not able to agree upon the purchase price or subsidy, then, to move forward, either party may ask the Board to set the price or subsidy, which will be binding upon the parties if the offeror chooses to accept the terms set by the Board and proceed with the purchase.

Public Use Request. Any person may request that the Board prohibit an abandoning railroad from disposing of the right-of-way—for up to 180 days—without first offering the right-of-way (on reasonable terms) for other suitable public purposes (such as mass transit, pipeline, transmission lines, recreation, etc.). Such requests are governed by 49 U.S.C. 10905 and 49 CFR 1152.28.

Feeder Line Application. When a line has been identified on a railroad's system diagram map as a potential candidate for abandonment (or discontinuance), but before abandonment (or discontinuance) authority has been sought, any financially responsible person (other than a Class I or II railroad) may, by filing a feeder line application under 49 U.S.C. 10907 and 49 CFR 1151, seek to acquire the line for continued rail service under the forced sale provisions of the feeder railroad development program.

Trail-Use Request. The Trails Act provides a mechanism whereby any interested person may seek to "rail bank" a rail right-of-way that has been approved for abandonment and use the property in the interim as a recreational trail. The Board has a ministerial role in this process; under 49 CFR 1152.29, interested persons may submit a request to the Board for a trail-use condition, and if the statutory conditions are met, the Board must authorize the parties to negotiate a trail-use agreement by issuing a CITU, or, in an exemption proceeding, a NITU. The CITU or NITU typically permit negotiations for 180 days, but the negotiations can be extended upon request to the Board. Under the Trails Act, trail-use agreements are consensual, not forced. The abandoning railroad is free to choose whether or not to enter into or continue negotiations to transfer (all or part of) the right-of-way to a trail sponsor.

Under the PRA, a federal agency conducting or sponsoring a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements or requests that persons submit reports,

keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Section 3507(b) of the PRA requires, concurrent with an agency's submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 30-day notice and comment period through publication in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

Dated: September 2, 2015.

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Joint Committee

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Joint Committee will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, October 28, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Billups at 1-888-912-1227 or (214) 413-6523.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Joint Committee will be held Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time via teleconference. The public is invited to make oral comments or submit written statements for consideration. For more information please contact Lisa Billups at 1-888-912-1227 or 214-413-6523, or write TAP Office 1114 Commerce Street, Dallas, TX 75242-1021, or post comments to the Web site: <http://www.improveirs.org>.

The agenda will include various committee issues for submission to the IRS and other TAP related topics. Public input is welcomed.

Dated: September 1, 2015.

Sheila Andrews,

Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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