

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

[Docket No.: PHMSA-2013-0004]

Pipeline Safety: Information Collection Activities, Revision to Gas Distribution Annual Report**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is preparing to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the revision of the gas distribution annual report currently approved under OMB Control #2137-0522. In addition to making several minor changes to the report, PHMSA will also request a new OMB Control number for this information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, PHMSA invites comments on the proposed revisions to the form and instructions.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

E-Gov Web Site: <http://www.regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery: Room W12-140 on the ground level of DOT, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: Identify the docket number, PHMSA-2013-0004, at the beginning of your comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You should know that anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Therefore, you may want to review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement

in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477) or visit <http://www.regulations.gov> before submitting any such comments.

Docket: For access to the docket or to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to Room W12-140 on the ground level of DOT, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the following statement: "Comments on: PHMSA-2013-0004." The Docket Clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail. Please note that due to delays in the delivery of U.S. mail to Federal offices in Washington, DC, we recommend that persons consider an alternative method (Internet, fax, or professional delivery service) of submitting comments to the docket and ensuring their timely receipt at DOT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cameron Satterthwaite by telephone at 202-366-1319, by fax at 202-366-4566, or by mail at DOT, PHMSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., PHP-30, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

Section 1320.8(d), Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, requires PHMSA to provide interested members of the public and affected agencies an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping requests. This notice identifies an information collection request that PHMSA will be submitting to OMB for approval.

B. Gas Distribution Annual Report

PHMSA intends to revise the gas distribution annual report (PHMSA F 7100.1-1, gas distribution annual report) to improve the granularity of the data collected. Background for these topics is as follows:

Specify Commodity

We have added a section for operators to specify the commodity type transported, similar to the gas transmission and hazardous liquid reporting forms. These commodity groups include "Natural Gas," "Synthetic Gas," "Hydrogen Gas," "Propane Gas," "Landfill Gas," and "Other Gas." Operators will select a commodity group based on the predominant gas carried and complete the report for that commodity group. If

"Other Gas" is selected, operators will need to provide the name of the other gas. Operators will need to file a separate report for each commodity group included in a specific Operator Identification number.

Specify Operator Type

We have added a section to the report for submitters to identify the operator type. The operator type groups include "Municipal," "Privately Owned," and "Other" (e.g., cooperatives, public utility districts).

Additional Material Type: We are adding "Reconditioned Cast Iron" as a pipe material and defining it as a cast iron gas distribution pipe that has been lined internally by use of suitable materials that ensure safe operation at a MAOP not to exceed the previously established MAOP. "Reconditioned Cast Iron" does not include cast iron pipe inserted with a gas pipe that is, by itself, suitable for gas service under Part 192, (e.g., an ASTM D2513 pipe meeting code requirements for the intended gas service.) Such insertions are to be reported as the material used in the insertion. The definition is intended to make a clear distinction between a liner and inserted pipe. Reconditioning techniques would not include new, stand-alone polyethylene pipe, composite pipe, or a tight-fitting liner that does not rely on the structural integrity of the host pipe (the cavity of the host pipe is simply used for installation purposes). Other methods, such as pipe-splitting or bursting that involve the installation of a new stand-alone pipe while the host pipe is destroyed do not result in "Reconditioned Cast Iron".

Removal of Requirement To Populate Certain Fields in Part B Tables

We have removed the requirement to populate certain fields in Tables B1, B2, and B3 as that data will now be calculated automatically and populated appropriately from the operator filling in the data for certain other fields in the tables.

Revision of Leak Cause Categories in Part C

We have revised the "Cause of Leak" categories in Part C to align the leak causes in the gas distribution annual report with the incident causes from the gas distribution incident reporting form (PHMSA F 7100.1, Incident Report—Gas Distribution System).

Addition of Excavation Damage Cause Categories in Part D

We added a new data collection in "Excavation Damage" to include the

four causes from Part I of the "Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT)—Field Form." These cause categories are also aligned with the fields that must be input when completing Part G4, field number 14 in the gas distribution incident reporting form.

C. Summary of Impacted Collections

The following information is provided for that information collection: (1) Title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) Current expiration date; (4) Type of request; (5) Abstract of the information collection activity; (6) Description of affected public; (7) Estimate of total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden; and (8) Frequency of collection. PHMSA is only focusing on the revisions detailed in this notice and will request revisions to the following information collection activities. PHMSA requests comments on the following information collection:

1. *Title:* Annual Report for Gas Pipeline Operators.
OMB Control Number: N/A.
Current Expiration Date: N/A.
Type of Request: New Collection.
Abstract: PHMSA is looking to revise the gas distribution annual report (PHMSA F 7100.1-1) to improve the granularity of the data collected in several areas.

Affected Public: Gas distribution pipeline operators.
Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:

Total Annual Responses: 1,440.
 Total Annual Burden Hours: 23,040.
 Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Comments are invited on:
 (a) The need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
 (b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 8, 2013.

Alan K. Mayberry,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Field Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. EP 290 (Sub-No. 4)]

Railroad Cost Recovery Procedures—Productivity Adjustment

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Proposed railroad cost recovery procedures productivity adjustment.

SUMMARY: In a decision served on February 8, 2013, we proposed to adopt 1.009 (0.9% per year) as the measure of average change in railroad productivity for the 2007–2011 (5-year) averaging period. This represents a 0.1% increase over the average for the 2006–2010 period. The Board's February 8, 2013 decision in this proceeding stated that comments may be filed addressing any perceived data and computational errors in our calculation. It also stated that, if there were no further action taken by the Board, the proposed productivity adjustment would become effective on March 1, 2013.

DATES: The productivity adjustment is effective March 1, 2013. Comments are due by February 26, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Send comments (an original and 10 copies) referring to Docket No. EP 290 (Sub-No. 4) to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Smith, (202) 245-0322. Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's decision, which is available on our Web site, <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. Copies of the decision may be purchased by contacting the Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS at (800) 877-8339.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Decided: February 7, 2013.

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

Derrick A. Gardner,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from the Association of American Railroads (WB463-15-1/18/13) for permission to use certain data from the Board's Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of this request may be obtained from the Office of Economics.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

Contact: Megan Conley, (202) 245-0348.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35715]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company and Wisconsin Central Ltd.

Pursuant to a temporary trackage rights agreement dated January 24, 2013, Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company and Wisconsin Central Ltd. (collectively, CN) have agreed to grant temporary overhead trackage rights¹ to Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) over the CN rail lines located: (1)

¹ NSR states that this notice was not filed under the Board's class exemption for temporary trackage rights at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8) because the agreement contemplates that the temporary trackage rights will be in effect for more than one year. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8) ("Acquisition of temporary trackage rights by a rail carrier over lines owned or operated by any other rail carrier or carriers that are * * * scheduled to expire on a specific date not to exceed 1 year from the effective date of the exemption.") Therefore, NSR concurrently filed a petition for partial revocation of this exemption in *Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company & Wisconsin Central Ltd.*, Docket No. FD 35715 (Sub-No. 1), wherein NSR requests that the Board permit the proposed trackage rights arrangement described in the present proceeding to expire 24 months after the commencement date of the agreement, or the date that the Gary City Track Connection, at or near Gary, Ind., is completed and in use, whichever comes first. That petition will be addressed by the Board in a separate decision.