

period, anyone affected by SEA's refined analysis may submit written comments to SEA on the potential environmental effects of that information on their community. Written comments addressing that information must be submitted to SEA no later than April 15, 1998. SEA will consider any timely comments received in the Final EIS, which is scheduled to be issued in late May 1998. The Board will then consider the entire environmental record, including all public comments, the Draft EIS, and the Final EIS in making its final decision on the Proposed Conrail Acquisition. The Board will hold an open voting conference on June 8, 1998 and intends to issue its final written decision on July 23, 1998.

Individuals who wish to file a comment may submit one original. However, government agencies and businesses are required to submit an original plus 10 copies.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, Finance Docket No. 33388, Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

In the lower left-hand corner of the envelope, indicate: Attn: Elaine K. Kaiser, Environmental Project Director, Section of Environmental Analysis, Environmental Filing.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Contact Michael Dalton, SEA Program Manager for the Proposed Conrail Acquisition at (202) 565-1530 [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695]. Information about the Proposed Acquisition and Draft EIS can be found at the web site <<http://www.conrailmerger.com>> and SEA's toll-free Environmental Hotline at (888) 869-1997.

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By the Board, Elaine K. Kaiser, Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

[Treasury Order Number 102-21]

### Designation of the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer as the Chief Operating Officer

Dated: February 23, 1998.

1. By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Treasury, including the authority vested by 31 U.S.C. 321(b), I hereby designate the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer as the Department's Chief Operating Officer for purposes of the Presidential Memorandum, "Implementing Management Reform in the Executive Branch," dated October 1, 1993.

2. This Order shall expire January 20, 2001.

**Robert E. Rubin,**

*Secretary of the Treasury.*

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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, 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 May 1, 1998, 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.

#### 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 24, 1998.

**Vicki S. Thorpe,**

*Manager, Graphics, Printing and Records Branch.*

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