

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 10, 1997.

Vanester M. Williams,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Transport Airplane and Engine Issues

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss airplane and engine issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 2 and October 3, 1997 beginning at 8:00 a.m. on October 2. Arrange for oral presentations by September 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at General Aviation Manufacturers Association, 1400 K Street, NW, Suite 801, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackie Smith, Office of Rulemaking, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-9682.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is given of a meeting of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to be held October 2 and 3, 1997 at General Aviation

Manufacturers Association, 1400 K Street, NW, Suite 801, Washington, DC.

The agenda for the meeting will include:

Thursday, October 2, 1997

- Opening Remarks.
- FAA Report.
- Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA) Report.
- Transport Canada Report.
- Executive Committee (EXCOM) Report.
- Issues List and Tasking Chart.
- Action Item Reports.
- Uncontained Engine Failure.
- FAA Icing Plan.
- Flight Test Guide Status Report.
- Flight Test Harmonization Working Group (HWG) Report.
- Powerplant Installation HWG Report.
- Systems Design and Analysis HWG Report.

Friday, October 3, 1997

- Electromagnetic Effects HWG Report.
- Loads and Dynamics HWG Report and Vote.
- Engine HWG Report.
- Airworthiness Assurance HWG Report.
- Hydraulic Test HWG Report.
- Review Action Items.
- Review Future Meeting Schedule and Set Next Meeting.

Attendance is open to the interested public, but will be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements by September 22, 1997 to present oral statements at the meeting. The public may present written statements to the committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Assistant Executive Director for Transport Airplane and Engine Issues or by providing copies at the meeting. In addition, sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as a listening device, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

The Loads & Dynamics HWG is requesting a vote to accept recommendation of a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) concerning Interaction of Systems and Structures. Arrangements may be made to present statements, request sign, oral interpretation, or listening devices, and request a copy of the NPRM by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 11, 1997.

Jean Casciano,

Acting Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-32 (Sub-No. 80X)]

Boston and Maine Corporation—Abandonment Exemption—in Hartford County, CT

Boston and Maine Corporation (B&M) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances* to abandon and discontinue service over the Wethersfield Secondary line between milepost 3.0 in Hartford, CT, and milepost 7.0 in Wethersfield, CT, a distance of approximately 4.0 miles, in Hartford County, CT. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 06109 and 06067.

B&M has certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) overhead traffic has been rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on October 17, 1997, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do

not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by September 29, 1997. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by October 7, 1997, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Robert A. Wimbish, Esq., Rea, Cross & Auchincloss, Suite 420, 1920 N Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

B&M has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by September 22, 1997. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), B&M shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by B&M's filing of a notice of consummation by September 17, 1998, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Decided: September 10, 1997.

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$900. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33453]

Paducah & Louisville Railway— Trackage Rights Exemption—CSX Transportation, Inc.

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has agreed to extend existing overhead trackage rights to Paducah & Louisville Railway (P&L)¹ from the Providence 1 Mine located on CSXT's Morganfield Branch, at or near milepost MB 288.8, to the Diamond J Mine located at or near milepost MB 291.93, on the Morganfield Branch, an additional distance of 3.1 miles in Hopkins County, KY.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on September 9, 1997.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to allow P&L to handle movements of coal from the Diamond J Mine to the generating facilities of Louisville Gas and Electric Company at Kosmosdale and Louisville, KY, and to handle empties via the reverse route.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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. 33453, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on (1) J. Thomas Garrett, Esq., Paducah & Louisville Railway, 1500 Kentucky Avenue, Paducah, KY 42003, and (2) Fred R. Birkholz, Esq., CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street, J-150, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

¹ See *Paducah & Louisville Railway—Trackage Rights—CSX Transportation, Inc.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33405 (STB served June 11, 1997).

Decided: September 9, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33454]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Trackage Rights Exemption—Illinois & Midland Railroad, Inc.

Illinois & Midland Railroad, Inc. has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) from milepost 75.4, near Barr, IL, to milepost 85.1, near Springfield, IL, a distance of 9.7 miles in Menard and Sangamon Counties, IL.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or after September 11, 1997.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to facilitate efficient train operations in a continuous route to and from Peoria, IL, after UP has abandoned its rail line between Barr and Girard, IL.¹

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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. 33454, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each

¹ UP has filed an abandonment application in *Union Pacific Railroad Company—Abandonment—Barr-Girard Line in Menard, Sangamon, and Macoupin Counties, IL*, Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 96) (STB served Aug. 12, 1996) which was related to, and contingent upon the merger approved in *Union Pacific Corporation, Union Pacific Railroad Company, and Missouri Pacific Railroad Company—Control and Merger—Southern Pacific Rail Corporation, Southern Pacific Transportation Company, St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company, SPCSL Corp., and The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad*, Finance Docket No. 32760 (Decision No. 44) (STB served Aug. 12, 1996).