

7. Future agency and user costs should be discounted to net present value or converted to equivalent uniform annual costs using appropriate discount rates. Discount rates selected should be consistent with guidance provided in OMB Circular A-94.

Technical advisories on these and other technical issues in the application of LCCA will be issued by FHWA in the future.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; Pub. L. 102-240, sections 1024 and 1025 (December 18, 1991); Pub. L. 104-59, section 303 (November 28, 1995); 49 C.F.R. 1.48.

Issued on: August 29, 1996.

Rodney E. Slater,

*Federal Highway Administrator.*

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## Surface Transportation Board

### Sunshine Act Meeting; Board Conference

**TIME AND DATES:** 10:00 a.m., September 24, 1996.

**PLACE:** Hearing Room A, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20423.

**STATUS:** The Board will meet to discuss among themselves the following agenda items. Although the conference is open for the public observation, no public participation is permitted.

**MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:** Finance Docket No. 30186 (Sub-No. 2), *Tongue River Railroad Co.—Rail Construction and Operation—Ashland to Decker, Montana.*

STB Ex Parte No. 527, *Expedited Procedures for Processing Rail Rate Reasonableness, Exemption and Revocation Proceedings.*

STB Ex Parte No. 541, *Railroad Contracts.*

STB Docket No. 41826, *National Association of Freight Transportation Consultants, Inc.—Petition for Declaratory Order.*

### CONTACT PERSONS FOR MORE

**INFORMATION:** Dennis Watson, Office of Congressional and Press Service, Telephone: (202) 927-5350, TDD: (202) 927-5721.

Vernon A. Williams,  
*Secretary.*

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## Surface Transportation Board<sup>1</sup>

[STB Finance Docket No. 33046]

### Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority—Acquisition Exemption—Certain Assets of Southern Pacific Transportation Company

Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority (JPA) has filed a notice of exemption to acquire approximately 13.7 miles of rail line owned by Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SP) extending between milepost 94.3 at 65th Street in Brighton, CA, and milepost 108.0 at Nimbus, CA, in Sacramento County, CA. SP will retain the exclusive right and obligation to provide rail freight service on the trackage to be acquired. JPA will not operate any rail freight service on that trackage.<sup>2</sup>

JPA expects to consummate its acquisition on or after September 4, 1996.

Any comments must be filed with the Board and served on Kevin M. Sheys, Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, 1020 Nineteenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1150.31. If the notice 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.

Decided: September 12, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,  
*Secretary.*

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<sup>1</sup> The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10901.

<sup>2</sup> JPA has simultaneously filed in this docket a motion to dismiss the notice of exemption to obtain a jurisdictional determination from the Board regarding JPA's prospective common carrier status. See *State of Maine, Department of Transportation—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Maine Central Railroad Company*, 8 I.C.C.2d 835 (1991). That motion will be the subject of a separate decision by the Board.

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[STB Docket No. AB-444X]

### Lamoille Valley Railroad Company—Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Franklin and Lamoille Counties, VT

Lamoille Valley Railroad Company (LVRC) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon and discontinue service over 44.4 miles of railroad line from railroad milepost 95.324, in Swanton, to railroad milepost 94.288, in Swanton, and from railroad milepost 92.000, in Highgate, to railroad milepost 48.614, in Morrisville, located in Franklin and Lamoille Counties, VT.

LVRC has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the line; (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 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 18, 1996, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to the Board's jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10903.

<sup>2</sup> 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-*

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formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>3</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29<sup>4</sup> must be filed by September 30, 1996. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by October 8, 1996, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: David H. Anderson, Esq., 288 Littleton Road, Suite 21, Westford, MA 01886.

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

LVRC 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 20, 1996. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 3219, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling Elaine Kaiser, Chief of SEA, at (202) 927-6248. 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.

Decided: September 10, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.  
Vernon A. Williams,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the date and location of the next meeting

*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.

<sup>3</sup> See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

<sup>4</sup> The Board will accept late-filed trail use requests so long as the abandonment has not been consummated and the abandoning railroad is willing to negotiate an agreement.

and the agenda for consideration by the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service.

**DATES:** The next meeting of the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service will be held on October 4, 1996 in Burlington, Vermont. The session will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hotel Sheraton, 870 Williston Road, Burlington, Vermont (Exit 14W, Interstate #89). Tel.: 802-865-6600.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis M. O'Connell, Director, Office of Tariff and Trade Affairs, Office of the Under Secretary for Enforcement, Room 4004, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20220. Tel.: (202) 622-0220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is the final meeting of the current two-year term of the Committee. The provisional agenda to be considered at the meeting is as follows:

1. The Customs reorganization: a short look back at the first year.
2. Trade compliance: Customs' vision for the future.
3. Dialogue with Canadian Customs: a look at the revised processes of the two services.
4. Customs and the Business Anti-Smuggling Coalition.
5. The Customs broker regulations.

The provisional agenda may be modified prior to the meeting. Meeting time is based on this agenda. Members of the public wishing to confirm the final content of the agenda and the meeting time may do so by calling the information number one week prior to the meeting. The Committee, in its discretion, may take up other matters, time permitting.

The meeting is open to the public. However, participation in the discussion is limited to Committee members and Treasury and Customs staff. It is necessary for any person other than an Advisory Committee member who wishes to attend the meeting to give notice by contacting Ms. Theresa Manning no later than September 27, 1996 at 202-622-0220.

Dated: September 12, 1996.

John P. Simpson,  
Deputy Assistant Secretary (Regulatory, Tariff and Trade Enforcement).

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## Fiscal Service

### Financial Management Service; Proposed Collection of Information: Voucher for Payment of Awards

**AGENCY:** Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Financial Management Service, 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 a continuing information collection. By this notice, the Financial Management Service solicits comments concerning the form "Voucher for Payment of Awards".

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before November 18, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Financial Management Service, 3361-L 75th Avenue, Landover, Maryland 20785.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Mary Morris, Credit Accounting Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, (202) 874-7801.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Financial Management Service solicits comments on the collection of information described below.

*Title:* Voucher for Payment of Awards.

*OMB Number:* 1510-0037.

*Form Number:* FMS 5135.

*Abstract:* This form is necessary to award payments to deserving awardholders. When funds are received from foreign Governments under claims programs, they are certified to Treasury for payment to awardholders. Treasury mails these vouchers to awardholders, who sign and return them, indicated that they are entitled to payment. These executed vouchers are used as basis for payment.

*Current Actions:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1400.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 700.

*Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be