

Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20036.

The agenda will be as follows:

Specific Working Group (WG) Sessions

January 6: WG 2, WAAS Precision
January 7: WG 2, WAAS Precision (continued); WG 2A, GPS/GLONASS; WG 4B, Airport surface Surveillance (WG-4B will meet at ALPA, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, 8th Floor, Washington, DC.)

January 8-9: WG 4A, Precision Landing Guidance (LAAS CAT I/II/III).

Plenary Session

January 10: (1) Chairman's Introductory Remarks; (2) Review/Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting; (3) Review WG Progress and Identify Issues for Resolution: GPS/WAAS (WG 2); GPS/GLONASS (WG 2A); GPS/Precision Landing Guidance and Airport Surface Surveillance (WG 4); (4) Review of EUROCAE Activities; (5) Assignment/Review of Future Work; (6) Other Business; (7) Date and Location of Next Meeting.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone) or (202) 833-9434 (fax). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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RTCA, Inc., Joint RTCA Special Committee 189/EUROCAE Working Group 53; Air Traffic Services Safety and Interoperability Requirements

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a joint RTCA Special Committee (SC) 189/EUROCAE Working Group (WG) 53 meeting to be held January 6-10, 1997, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at EUROCAE, 17 rue Hamelin, 75116 Paris, Cedex 16, France. The point of contact is Mr. Francis Grimal, Secretary General, EUROCAE, 33-1-450-57-188 (phone) and 33-1-455-30-393 (fax).

The agenda will be as follows:

January 6, Plenary Session: Review and Approval of Terms of Reference; Discussion on SC 189-WG 53 Process, as Defined in Position Paper P001-C (Ref. RTCA Paper No. 402-96/SC-189-004); Overview of Position Paper Issues, Nomenclature, and Procedures; Integration of the Sub-Groups (SG), with Identification of Co-Chairs and Members; SG External Organizations Interface Process;

Work Program Expectations, Product Deliverables, and Schedule; Role of CAA Advisory Group; SG Program Updates and Status Reports (SG 1 Interoperability Requirements; SG 2 Safety Objectives; SG 3 Performance Objectives); Co-Chair Summary and Action Item Review.

January 7-9, Separate SG Meetings: SG 1 Interoperability Requirements; SG 2 Safety Objectives; SG 3 Performance Objectives; CAA Advisory Group, as Necessary.

Friday, January 10, Plenary Session/Wrap-up: SG Reports (SG 1, SG 2, SG 3); Summaries, Open Issues, and Action Item Review; Review of Preliminary Meeting Summary; Co-Chair Wrap-up; Follow-on Meeting(s) Venue and Schedule.

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Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1163X)]

**Consolidated Rail Corporation—
Abandonment Exemption—in
Northampton County, PA**

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board exempts from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 the abandonment by Consolidated Rail Corporation of 3.8 miles of rail line between milepost 79.0 and milepost 82.8 in Northampton County, PA, subject to: (1) standard labor protection conditions; (2) a public use condition; and (3) a trail use condition.

DATES: The exemption will be effective January 19, 1997 unless it is stayed or a formal statement of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) is filed. Statements of intent to file an OFA¹ under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) and requests for a notice of interim trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by December 30, 1996; petitions to stay must be filed by January 6, 1997;

¹ See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

and petitions to reopen must be filed by January 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1163X) must be filed with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423; in addition, a copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative: Robert S. Natalini, Esq., Consolidated Rail Corporation, 2001 Market Street—16A, Philadelphia, PA 19101-1416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 927-5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call or pick up in person from: DC NEWS & DATA, INC., 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 2229, Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services at (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: December 9, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Federal Register Pre-Clearance Notice.

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 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 Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control is soliciting comments concerning the civil penalty provisions, of the Foreign Assets Control Regulations, 31 CFR §§ 500.703 and 500.704.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 18, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to Dorene F. Erhard, Sr. Sanctions Advisor, Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20220, (tel.: 202/622-2500). Internet Address:

Dorene.Erhard@treas.sprint.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. B.S. Scott, Chief, Penalties Program (tel.: 202/622-6140); or William B. Hoffman, Chief Counsel (tel.: 202/622-2410); Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Foreign Assets Control Regulations, Civil Penalties Provisions.
OMB Number: 1505-0147.

Abstract: A recipient of a prepenalty notice alleging a violation of the Foreign Assets Control Regulation is permitted to respond in writing requesting a hearing and/or setting forth his or her belief that a penalty should not be imposed, or if imposed, should be in a lesser amount than proposed.

Current Actions: Extension.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit institutions/ banking institutions/individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2 hours to process.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 100 hours.

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 agency's functions, including whether the information has 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; and (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; (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: December 12, 1996.

William B. Hoffman,

Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

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Office of Thrift Supervision

[AC-55: OTS No. 5120]

First Federal Savings Bank of America, Fall River, Massachusetts; Modification to Approval of Conversion Application

Notice is hereby given that on December 17, 1996, the Executive Director, Supervision, Office of Thrift Supervision, acting pursuant to delegated authority, issued Order No. 96-123, which modified Order No. 96-108, dated November 12, 1996, which approved the application of First Federal Savings Bank of America, Fall River, Massachusetts (the "Association"), to convert to the stock form of organization. The modification was made to withdraw approval of the local depositor preference provisions in the Association's Plan of Conversion and, if the Association proceeds with the proposed conversion offering, to require the deletion of the local depositor preference provisions from the Association's Plan of Conversion. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Information Services Division, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552, and the Northeast Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 10 Exchange Place, 18th Floor, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302.

Dated: December 18, 1996.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Nadine Y. Washington,

Corporate Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Poverty Threshold; Notice

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hereby gives notice of the weighted poverty threshold established for 1995 for one person (unrelated individual) as established by the Bureau of the Census. This amount is \$7,763.

DATES: For VA determinations, the 1995 poverty threshold is effective September 26, 1996, the date on which it was established by the Bureau of the Census.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Paul Trowbridge, Consultant, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-7218.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We published a final rule amending 38 CFR 4.16(a) in the Federal Register of August 3, 1990, 55 Fed. Reg. 31,579. The amendment provided that marginal employment generally shall be deemed to exist when a veteran's earned annual income does not exceed the amount established by the Bureau of Census as the poverty threshold for one person. The provisions of 38 CFR 4.16(a) use the poverty threshold as a standard in defining marginal employment when considering total disability ratings for compensation based on unemployability of an individual. We stated we would publish subsequent poverty threshold figures as notices in the Federal Register.

The Bureau of the Census recently published in the weighted average poverty thresholds for 1995. The threshold for one person (unrelated individual) is \$7,763.

Dated: December 11, 1996.

Jesse Brown,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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