

4. "General Motors believes that very few of these wheels will ever have to be replaced over the life of the vehicle. Nevertheless, the owner's manual provided with these vehicles contains a section 'Wheel Replacement.' This section states that each new wheel should have the same load-carrying, diameter, width, offset and be mounted in the same way as the one it replaces. It also advises customers that their dealer will know the kind of wheel they need. The wheels at issue here are not marked with an incorrect width. Rather, they have no width marking. Therefore a dealer would not be misled by a width marking on the wheel, but would look at the placard if they were not aware of the exact width."

5. "If a customer needs to replace a tire or a wheel, he/she is likely to go to a tire/wheel store, or a vehicle dealer. The skilled personnel at any of these places know how to determine the correct tire or wheel size that they are replacing. For the tire replacement, it is highly probable that they will first look at the tire sidewall to determine the replacement tire size. They also know that the information exists on the placard and may look at the placard. For the wheel replacement, they may look at the tire placard or at the wheel itself to determine the replacement size. The subject wheels do not give incorrect information, however the information is incomplete. Since the information on the wheel is incomplete, the person looking at it will look elsewhere to find the missing information prior to selecting replacement wheel or tire size. For the correct tire selection, rim diameter is of primary importance, and the tire diameter must be the same as the rim diameter. The information on the subject wheels does contain the correct rim diameter, *i.e.*, 15."

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on the application described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20590. It is requested that two copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated below will be considered. The application and supporting materials, and all comments received after the closing date, will also be filed and will be considered to the extent possible. When the application is granted or denied, the notice will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Comment closing date: February 18, 2000.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

Issued on: January 13, 2000.

Stephen R. Kratzke,

Acting Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33824]

Great Salt Lake and Southern Railroad, L.L.C.—Construction and Operation—In Tooele County, UT

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of filing of application and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: Great Salt Lake and Southern Railroad Company, L.L.C., has filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 10901(a) for authority to construct and operate one of the two following rail projects: (1) A rail line approximately 32 miles in length between Low, UT, and a facility to be constructed in the Skull Valley, UT, for the interim storage of spent nuclear fuel; or (2) A run-around track and sidings at a point approximately 1.8 miles west of Timpie, UT, where applicant would locate an intermodal transfer point for the transfer of spent nuclear fuel shipping casks from railcars onto trucks for highway movement to the storage facility. The Board will entertain comments and replies on whether this application meets the criteria of 49 U.S.C. 10901.

DATES: Comments are due on February 9, 2000. Replies are due February 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments (an original and 10 copies) referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33824 to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to applicant's representative: George W. Mayo, Jr., Hogan & Hartson L.L.P., 555 Thirteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004-1109.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 5, 2000, Great Salt Lake and Southern Railroad Company, L.L.C. (GSLS), a noncarrier, filed an

application under 49 U.S.C. 10901(a) for authority to construct and operate one of the two following rail projects: (1) A rail line approximately 32 miles in length (and associated sidings) between Low, UT, and a facility which applicant's parent, Private Fuel Storage L.L.C. (PFS), proposes to construct in the south-central portion of Skull Valley, UT, for the interim storage of spent nuclear fuel (SNF); or (2) A run-around track and sidings at a point approximately 1.8 miles west of Timpie, UT, where applicant would locate an intermodal transfer point for the transfer of SNF shipping casks from arriving railcars onto heavy haul trucks for highway movement to the storage facility. Although GSLS has not finally determined which of the two rail projects it will ultimately pursue, it prefers the direct rail option because it will permit efficiencies associated with rail-only movements.

Environmental review of the application under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related environmental laws is currently ongoing by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA). The Board is engaged in this environmental review in the capacity of a cooperating agency, where the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is the lead agency for environmental review. According to applicant, NRC undertook this lead responsibility in connection with the June 1997 license application filed by PFS seeking NRC authority to construct and operate the SNF storage facility. The Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the United States Department of the Interior are also participating in the environmental review as cooperating agencies. Because a third-party consultant has been retained to prepare the necessary environmental documentation under the Board's direction and supervision, the Board's environmental reporting requirements are not applicable to this application. See 49 CFR 1105.10(d).

GSLS indicates that substantially all of the traffic to be transported to the storage facility will be SNF originating at various commercial nuclear power electric generating plants throughout the United States. The total design capacity of the PFS facility will be 4,000 canisters of SNF. GSLS states that, although the United States Department of Energy (DOE) has the statutory responsibility to develop a geologic repository program for SNF by January 31, 1998, DOE is not likely to implement such a program for another decade. Applicant states that, accordingly, the nuclear power industry

has no alternative but to build and operate its own storage facility where SNF can be stored for an interim period of up to 40 years, while DOE pursues its permanent disposal obligation.

Written comments (an original and 10 copies) on the application to construct and operate the above-described rail lines must be filed with the Board not later than February 9, 2000. Comments must contain the basis for the party's position either in support or opposition, and must contain the name and address of the commenting party. Applicant must be concurrently served with a copy of each comment. Any replies (an original and 10 copies) by applicant to written comments must be filed with the Board not later than February 14, 2000.

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

Decided: January 13, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Call for Redemption: 8¼ Percent Treasury Bonds of 2000-5

January 14, 2000, Washington, D.C.

Public notice is hereby given that all outstanding 8¼ percent Treasury Bonds of 200-5 (CUSIP No. 912810 BU 1)

dated May 15, 1975, due May 15, 2005, are hereby called for redemption at par on May 15, 2000, on which date interest on such bonds will cease.

2. Full information regarding the presentation and surrender of such bonds held in coupon and registered form for redemption under this call will be found in Department of the Treasury Circular No. 3000 dated March 4, 1973, as amended (31 CFR part 306), and on the Bureau of the Public Debt's website, www.publicdebt.treas.gov.

3. Redemption payments for such bonds held in book-entry form, whether on the books of the Federal Reserve Banks or in Treasury-Direct accounts, will be made automatically on May 15, 2000.

Donald V. Hammond,

Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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