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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2014-0090]

Pipeline Safety: Public Workshop on Managing Pipeline Cracking Challenges

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

SUMMARY: The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives are holding this public workshop to gather and disseminate information on the state-of-the-art of crack detection in hazardous liquid and natural gas pipelines. Perspectives on the challenges involved with detecting and characterizing crack like defects, including environmentally assisted cracks and cracks with corrosion, will be provided from pipeline operators and regulators. This public workshop will provide an update on technology developments via research, the success rate in deploying such technology for detection and a discussion on the level of and types of data collected in support of engineering assessments. It will also discuss other information in support of criteria for determining when a probable crack defect in a pipeline segment must be excavated, the time limits for completing those excavations and models for determining crack growth rates.

DATES: The public workshop will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CDT.

ADDRESSES: The public workshop will be held at the Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018. Hotel reservations can be made under the room block "DOT/PHMSA" at <http://www.crowneplazaohare.com/> or by calling the hotel directly at 877-337-5793. A small room block is available at the Federal Government rate of \$166/night for the nights of August 4 and 5 on a first come, first served basis, and must be made by July 21, 2014.

Registration: Members of the public may attend this free public workshop.

To help assure that adequate space and accommodations are provided, all attendees are encouraged to register for the workshop in advance at <http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=97>. A name tag will be provided from your registration.

Webcast: This public workshop will also be webcasted in order to facilitate wider reaching and remote attendance. Webcast information will be provided in the hour before the start time at <http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=97>.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the workshop, please contact the Crowne Plaza at 877-337-5793 or Robert Smith, PHMSA, Office of Pipeline Safety, at 919-238-4759 or by email at robert.w.smith@dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Smith, PHMSA, Office of Pipeline Safety, at 919-238-4759 or by email at robert.w.smith@dot.gov, regarding the subject matter of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The details on this meeting including the times and agenda will be available on the meeting page at <http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=97> as they become available. Presentation files and the webcast archive will also be available online from the meeting page within 30 days following the meeting.

Authority: 49 CFR 1.97.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. FD 35756]

Hartwell Railroad Company—Construction of Connecting Track Exemption—in Elbert County, GA

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) has prepared an

Environmental Assessment (EA) in response to a verified notice of exemption filed on May 27, 2014 by the Hartwell Railroad Company (Hartwell). Hartwell seeks to construct approximately 1,360 feet of connecting railroad track, pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.36. The proposal would allow Hartwell's existing Toccoa-Elberton Line to connect with CSX Transportation's, Inc. (CSXT) existing Abbeville Subdivision in Elbert County, GA. The proposal would re-establish a prior rail connection formerly owned by the Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) and occur on land within existing railroad rights-of-way either owned by Hartwell or CSXT. The prior connection, which allowed Hartwell to indirectly interchange its rail traffic with CSXT, was formally abandoned by NSR in 1995. Since then, Hartwell has been required to interchange its traffic solely with NSR at the other end of its line (some 40-miles northwest of the Proposed Action) in order to access the mainlines of CSXT approximately 60 miles to the northeast and about 37 miles to the southwest.

The proposed rail line construction would permit Hartwell to reach points served by CSXT that NSR does not serve and eliminate the inefficiency that would otherwise involve three carriers (Hartwell-NSR-CSXT) instead of two (Hartwell-CSXT) to reach points served solely by CSXT. Hartwell expects to handle up to one train per day in each direction over the new connection with CSXT.

The EA identifies the natural and man-made resources in the area of the proposed rail line and analyzes the potential impacts of the proposal on these resources. Based on the information provided from all sources to date and its independent analysis, OEA preliminarily concludes that construction of the proposed rail line connection would have no significant environmental impacts if the Board imposes and Hartwell implements the recommended mitigation measures set forth in the EA.

Copies of the EA have been served on all interested parties and will be made available to additional parties upon request. The entire EA is also available on the Board's Web site (www.stb.dot.gov) by clicking on the "Decisions & Notices" button that appears in the drop down menu for "E-LIBRARY," and searching by Service Date (July 1, 2014) or Docket Number (FD 35756). OEA will consider all comments received when making its final environmental recommendations to the Board. The Board will then consider OEA's final recommendations

and the complete environmental record in making its final decision in this proceeding.

DATES: The EA is available for public review and comment. Comments must be postmarked by July 31, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Comments (an original and one copy) should be sent in writing to: Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Unit, 395 E Street SW., Suite 1015, Washington, DC 20423. The lower left hand corner of the envelope should be marked: Attention: Ms. Diana Wood, Environmental Comments. Comments on the EA may also be filed electronically on the Board's Web site, www.stb.dot.gov, by clicking on the "E-FILING" link.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana Wood by mail at the address above, by telephone at 202-245-0302 [FRS for the hearing impaired (1-800-877-8339)], or by email at woodd@stb.dot.gov.

By the Board, Victoria Rutson, Director, Office of Environmental Analysis.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Prompt Payment Interest Rate; Contract Disputes Act

AGENCY: Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: For the period beginning July 1, 2014, and ending on December 31, 2014, the prompt payment interest rate is 2 per centum per annum.

ADDRESSES: Comments or inquiries may be mailed to: E-Commerce Division, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, 401 14th Street SW., Room 306F, Washington, DC 20227. Comments or inquiries may also be emailed to PromptPayment@fiscal.treasury.gov. A copy of this notice is available at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/prompt/index.html>.

DATES: Effective July 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas M. Burnum, E-Commerce Division, (202) 874-6430; or Frank Supik, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 874-6638.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An agency that has acquired property or service from a business concern and has failed to pay for the complete delivery of

property or service by the required payment date shall pay the business concern an interest penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(a). The Contract Disputes Act of 1978, Sec. 12, Public Law 95-563, 92 Stat. 2389, and the Prompt Payment Act, 31 U.S.C. 3902(a), provide for the calculation of interest due on claims at the rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Secretary of the Treasury has the authority to specify the rate by which the interest shall be computed for interest payments under section 12 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 and under the Prompt Payment Act. Under the Prompt Payment Act, if an interest penalty is owed to a business concern, the penalty shall be paid regardless of whether the business concern requested payment of such penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(c)(1). Agencies must pay the interest penalty calculated with the interest rate, which is in effect at the time the agency accrues the obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(a). "The interest penalty shall be paid for the period beginning on the day after the required payment date and ending on the date on which payment is made." 31 U.S.C. 3902(b).

Therefore, notice is given that the Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the rate of interest applicable for the period beginning July 1, 2014, and ending on December 31, 2014, is 2 per centum per annum.

Richard L. Gregg,

Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

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 IRS is soliciting comments concerning safe harbor for valuation under section 475.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 2, 2014 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to R. Joseph Durbala, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to Kerry Dennis, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet at Kerry.Dennis@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Safe Harbor for Valuation under Section 475.

OMB Number: 1545-1945.

Regulation Project Number: TD 9328.

Abstract: This document sets forth an elective safe harbor that permits dealers in securities and dealers in commodities to elect to use the values of positions reported on certain financial statements as the fair market values of those positions for purposes of section 475 of the Internal Revenue Code (Code). This safe harbor is intended to reduce the compliance burden on taxpayers and to improve the administrability of the valuation requirement of section 475 for the IRS.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12,308.

Estimated Average Time per Respondent: 4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 49,232.

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice.

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An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

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