

information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Those desiring to make formal presentations should notify the contact person before January 24, 1996, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time required to make their comments.

Open committee discussion. On January 29, 1996, the committee will discuss clinical data requirements (experimental designs, protocols, quality assurance, etc.) to be incorporated in a draft guidance for Automatic Implantable Pacer Cardioverter Defibrillator (AIPCD) submissions. Single copies of the draft guidance document will be available from the Division of Small Manufacturers Assistance, Center for Devices and Radiological Health (HFZ-220), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 800-638-2041 or 301-443-6597.

FDA regrets that it was unable to publish this notice 15 days prior to the January 29, 1996, Circulatory System Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee meeting. Because the agency feels that the issue needs to be brought to public discussion urgently and qualified members of the Advisory Panel were available at this time, the agency decided that it was in the public interest to hold this meeting even if there was not sufficient time for the customary 15-day public notice.

FDA public advisory committee meetings may have as many as four separable portions: (1) An open public hearing, (2) an open committee discussion, (3) a closed presentation of data, and (4) a closed committee deliberation. Every advisory committee meeting shall have an open public hearing portion. Whether or not it also includes any of the other three portions will depend upon the specific meeting involved. There are no closed portions for the meetings announced in this notice. The dates and times reserved for the open portions of each committee meeting are listed above.

The open public hearing portion of each meeting shall be at least 1 hour long unless public participation does not last that long. It is emphasized, however, that the 1 hour time limit for an open public hearing represents a minimum rather than a maximum time for public participation, and an open public hearing may last for whatever longer period the committee chairperson determines will facilitate the committee's work.

Public hearings are subject to FDA's guideline (subpart C of 21 CFR part 10) concerning the policy and procedures for electronic media coverage of FDA's public administrative proceedings, including hearings before public advisory committees under 21 CFR part 14. Under 21 CFR 10.205, representatives of the electronic media may be permitted, subject to certain limitations, to videotape, film, or otherwise record FDA's public administrative proceedings, including presentations by participants.

Meetings of advisory committees shall be conducted, insofar as is practical, in accordance with the agenda published in this Federal Register notice. Changes in the agenda will be announced at the beginning of the open portion of a meeting.

Any interested person who wishes to be assured of the right to make an oral presentation at the open public hearing portion of a meeting shall inform the contact person listed above, either orally or in writing, prior to the meeting. Any person attending the hearing who does not in advance of the meeting request an opportunity to speak will be allowed to make an oral presentation at the hearing's conclusion, if time permits, at the chairperson's discretion.

The agenda, the questions to be addressed by the committee, and a current list of committee members will be available at the meeting location on the day of the meeting.

Transcripts of the open portion of the meeting may be requested in writing from the Freedom of Information Office (HFI-35), Food and Drug Administration, rm. 12A-16, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, approximately 15 working days after the meeting, at a cost of 10 cents per page. The transcript may be viewed at the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, rm. 1-23, 12420 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, MD 20857, approximately 15 working days after the meeting, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Summary minutes of the open portion of the meeting may be requested in writing from the Freedom of Information Office (address above) beginning approximately 90 days after the meeting.

This notice is issued under section 10(a)(1) and (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2), and FDA's regulations (21 CFR part 14) on advisory committees.

Dated: January 5, 1996.
Michael A. Friedman,
Deputy Commissioner for Operations.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Extension of Comment Period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Application for the Proposed Issuance of a Permit To Allow Incidental Take of Threatened and Endangered Species on Plum Creek Timber Company, L.P., Lands in the I-90 Corridor, King and Kittitas Counties, Washington

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice, extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is extending the comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and the application for the proposed issuance of an incidental take permit (PRT-808398) to Plum Creek Timber Company, L.P. . This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations.

DATES: Written comments on the permit application and DEIS should be received on or before January 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the application or DEIS, or requests for those documents, should be addressed to William Vogel, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Northwest Habitat Conservation Plan Program, 3773 Martin Way East, Building C—Suite 101, Olympia, Washington 98501; (360) 534-9330. Please refer to permit No. PRT-808398 when submitting comments. Individuals wishing copies of the documents for review should immediately contact the office listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Vogel, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or Steve Landino, National Marine Fisheries Service, at the office listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 17, 1995 (60 FR 222:57722-57724), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (together the Services) announced the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the receipt of an application for the

proposed issuance of a permit to allow incidental take of threatened and endangered species on Plum Creek Timber Company, L.P., lands in the I-90 Corridor, King and Kittitas Counties, Washington. Regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species are in 50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32.

The Services have received a number of requests for extension of the comment period. In response the Services have extended the comment period until January 22, 1996.

Dated: January 9, 1996.

Thomas J. Dwyer,
Deputy Regional Director, Region 1, Portland,
Oregon.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

[Docket No. AB-213 (Sub-No. 5X)]

Canadian Pacific Limited— Abandonment Exemption—in Orleans County, VT

AGENCY: Interstate Commerce
Commission.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Commission, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10505, exempts Canadian Pacific Limited, operated as CP Rail System (CPRS), from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903-04 to permit CPRS to abandon 4.05 miles of rail line, known as the Beebe Subdivision, from milepost 39.04 near Newport, VT, to the end of the line at milepost 34.99 near the U.S.-Canada Border. The exemption will be subject to standard employee protective conditions.

DATES: Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on February 15, 1996. Formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)¹ and requests for issuance of a notice of interim trail use under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by January 26, 1996, petitions to stay must be filed by January 31, 1996, requests for a public use condition conforming to 49 CFR 1152.28(a)(2) must be filed by February 5, 1996, and petitions to reopen must be filed by February 12, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB-213 (Sub-No. 5X), to: Office of the Secretary, Case Control

Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D.C. 20423; and (2) Petitioner's representative: Larry D. Starns, CP Legal Services, Office of the U.S. Regional Counsel, 1000 Soo Line Building, 105 South 5th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-5610. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Commission's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC News & Data, Inc., Room 2229, Interstate Commerce Commission Building, 1201 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359.

[Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services at (202) 927-5721]

Decided: December 28, 1995.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Notice of Availability of the ACIR Preliminary Report on The Role of Federal Mandates in Intergovernmental Relations, January 1996

SUMMARY: As required by Section 302(c) of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-4), the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR) (42 U.S.C. 4271) hereby announces the availability of the Preliminary Report on The Role of Federal Mandates in Intergovernmental Relations. The Preliminary Report was approved by the Commission on January 5, 1996, and is currently available to the public upon request. ACIR is soliciting comments on the report through March 15, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip M. Dearborn, Director, Government Finance Research, ACIR, 800 K Street, NW., Suite 450, South Tower, Washington, DC 20575, Phone: (202) 653-5540, FAX: (202) 653-5429

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Commission on

Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR) is charged in Section 302 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 with investigating and reviewing the role of Federal mandates in intergovernmental relations and with making recommendations to the President and the Congress. For purposes of Section 302, the law defines "Federal mandate" as "any provision in statute or regulation or any Federal court ruling that imposes an enforceable duty on state, local, or tribal governments including a condition of Federal assistance or a duty arising from participation in a voluntary Federal program".

ACIR began its review process by adopting criteria for identifying mandate issues of significant concern and the types of problems to be analyzed. These criteria were published in the Federal Register on July 6, 1995. After development of the criteria, ACIR solicited information on existing federal mandates from a variety of sources including the general public, state, local, and tribal governments and organizations representing the officials of such governments, and public and private organizations interested in mandate issues. Information was received from over half the states, eight municipal leagues, four state associations of counties, several national associations representing state and local governments, and a variety of local government officials.

From the correspondence received, ACIR selected 14 mandates for special analysis. The 14 mandates selected for review illustrate the diverse, complex, and troubling challenges that federal mandates pose for our nation's intergovernmental system. In examining the individual mandates, the Commission primarily considered the fundamental intergovernmental issues associated with the mandate. We urge those reviewing the report to give similar attention to the roles of federal, state, local, and tribal governments as they relate to the mandate.

Common Issues

ACIR's review of existing federal mandates found a number of common issues among the mandates. The following six common issues are discussed in the report along with a proposed ACIR recommendation: (1) Detailed procedural requirements; (2) Lack of federal concern about mandate costs; (3) Federal failure to recognize state and local government's public accountability; (4) Lawsuits by individuals against state and local governments to enforce federal mandates; (5) Inability of very small

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

² Legislation to sunset the Commission on December 31, 1995, and transfer remaining functions is currently under consideration. Until further notice, parties submitting pleadings should continue to use the current name and address.