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Establishment of the Office of Dispute Resolution for Acquisition (ODR)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of establishment.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is announcing the establishment, within the FAA Office of the Chief Counsel, of the Office of Dispute Resolution for Acquisition (ODR). Protests and contract disputes related to FAA Screening Information Requests (SIRs), contract awards, and contracts, must be filed directly with this office.

ADDRESSES: The complete text of the FAA's new Acquisition Management System (including the section on Resolution of Protests and Disputes) is available on the Internet at http://www.faa.gov/asu/asu100/acq-reform/acq_home.htm. Use of the Internet World Web Site is strongly encouraged for access to copies of the FAA Acquisition Management System. If Internet service is not available, requests for copies may be made to the following address: FAA Acquisition Reform, ASU-100, Rm. 435, 800 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerome P. Jones, Jr., Acting Director, Office of Dispute Resolution, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW.—Suite 900 East, Washington, DC 20591, (202) 267-3222. Please also use this address when filing protests or contract disputes with the FAA.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 31, 1995, Congress passed an act, Making Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies, for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 1996, and for Other Purposes (the 1996 DOT Appropriations Act). On November 15, 1995, the President signed this bill into law. In Section 348 of this law, Congress directed the Administrator of the FAA to develop and implement a new acquisition management system that addresses the unique needs of the agency. At a minimum, this system is to provide for more timely and cost-effective acquisitions. The FAA's new acquisition management system went into effect on April 1, 1996 [see Notice

of availability at 61 FR 15155 (April 4, 1996)]. As part of this system, the FAA has developed an internal mechanism for resolving disputes, one that will help ensure that offerors and contractors are treated fairly and that disputes are resolved as quickly and inexpensively as possible for all parties. Protests concerning SIRs and award of contracts, as well as disputes pertaining to contract administration, will be resolved, within the agency, through the FAA Dispute Resolution System. The new system will rely heavily on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) techniques.

The FAA Office of Dispute Resolution is established as an organization that is independent of agency organizations responsible for procurement actions and that reports to the FAA Chief Counsel. In addition to a Director, the office staff will, in time, include other Dispute Resolution Officers as warranted. The office is located at FAA Headquarters. On a case-by-case basis, the ODR staff may be augmented by Dispute Resolution Officers in the FAA's regional offices and centers or by third party neutrals, as deemed necessary by the FAA Chief Counsel. The FAA will promulgate rules of procedure governing the dispute resolution process. Until these rules are finalized, procedures and other provisions related to dispute resolution will be included or referenced in all FAA SIRs and contracts, made available to offerors and contractors upon request, or provided through briefings.

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Nicholas G. Garaufis,
Chief Counsel, AGC-1.

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Powered Parachute Design Standards for Acceptance Under Primary Category

AGENCY: Federal Aviation (FAA), DOT.
ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of design standards for powered parachutes achieving acceptance under primary category. Powered parachute design standards are applicable designs providing one-to-four seats, 2,700 pound maximum takeoff weight, and minimum level flight speed of 61 knots or less.

DISCUSSION: Sport aviation, essentially a fly-for-fun activity, is dependent upon simple, low performance, low cost airplanes. The FAA recognizes this in the creation of primary category (14 CFR

part 21, § 21.17), which establishes a simpler process for certification, production control, and establishment of design standards for all types of aircraft. In view of the fully supportive comments, this notice makes available design standards for powered parachute airplanes. The value of this class of airplane is demonstrated by the number of 14 CFR part 103 ultralite and amateur-built designs currently active with over 500,000 flight hours accumulated.

ADDRESSES: Copies of Powered Parachute Design Standards can be obtained from the following: Small Airplane Directorate, Standards Office (ACE-110), Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terre Flynn, Standards Staff (ACE-110), telephone number (816) 426-6941.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on May 8, 1996.

Henry A. Armstrong,
Acting Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Modesto City-County Harry Sham Field Airport, Modesto, CA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to use revenue from a PFC at Modesto City-County Harry Sham Field Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-508)) and 14 CFR Part 158.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 13, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Airports Division, P.O. Box 92007, Worldway Postal Center, Los Angeles, CA 90009 or San Francisco Airports District Office, 831 Mitten Road, Room 210, Burlingame, CA 94010-1303. In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr.

Howard Cook, Airport Manager of the Modesto City-County Airport at the following address: 617 Airport Way, Modesto, California 95354. Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the city of Modesto under section 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Joseph R. Rodriguez, Supervisor, Planning and Programming Section, Airports District Office, 831 Mitten Road, Room 210, Burlingame, CA 94010-1303, Telephone: (415) 876-2805. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to use the revenue from a PFC at Modesto City-County Harry Sham Field Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-508)) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158). On April 26, 1996, the FAA determined that the application to use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the city of Modesto was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than August 1, 1996.

The following is a brief overview of the application:

Level of proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date: August 1, 1994.

Proposed charge expiration date: August 1, 2000.

Total Estimated PFC revenue to be used on this use project: \$17,800.

Brief description of the use projects: Runway 10L/28R Aircraft Holding Bays.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: Air Taxi Operators.

This project was previously approved as an impose only project contained within an overall PFC package which was approved on May 23, 1994. Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and at the FAA Regional Airports Division located at: 15000 Aviation Blvd., Lawndale, CA 90261. In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the city of Modesto, CA.

Issued in Hawthorne, California, on April 26, 1996.

Herman C. Bliss,
Manager, Airports Division, Western-Pacific Region.

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Surface Transportation Board ¹

[Docket No. AB-454X]

The Bay Line Railroad, L.L.C.— Abandonment Exemption— in Jackson and Holmes Counties, FL

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of Exemption.

SUMMARY: The abandonment by The Bay Line Railroad, L.L.C. of its Graceville Branch, consisting of 9.19 miles of rail line between milepost 61.3, near Campbellton, and milepost 70.49, at Graceville, in Jackson and Holmes Counties, FL, is exempted from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903-04, 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 June 13, 1996. Formal expressions of intent to file an OFA ² under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) must be filed by May 24, 1996; petitions to stay must be filed by May 29, 1996; requests for a public use condition must be filed by June 3, 1996; and petitions to reopen must be filed by June 10, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings referring to Docket No. AB-454X to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) Petitioner's representative Patricia E. Dietrich, Slover & Loftus, 1224 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (the Act), which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) and transferred certain functions and proceedings to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). Section 204(b)(1) of the Act provides, in general, that proceedings pending before the ICC on the effective date of that legislation shall be decided under the law in effect prior to January 1, 1996, insofar as they involve functions retained by the Act. This notice relates to a proceeding that was pending with the ICC prior to January 1, 1996, and to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10903. Therefore, this notice applies the law in effect prior to the Act, and citations are to the former sections of the statute, unless otherwise indicated.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-7513. [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, N.W., 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: April 29, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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Surface Transportation Board ¹

[Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 367X)]

Burlington Northern Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption— in Crawford County, KS

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903-04 the abandonment by Burlington Northern Railroad Company of its line of railroad from milepost 134.20 to milepost 135.18 and milepost 136.70 to milepost 139.10, a total distance of 3.38 miles in Pittsburg, Crawford County, KS, subject to standard labor protective and environmental conditions. Interim trail use and a public use condition are imposed for the line segment from milepost 136.70 to milepost 139.10.

DATES: Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on June 13, 1996. Formal expressions of intent to

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