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*Associate Administrator for Investment.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### Bureau of Intelligence and Research

[Public Notice No. 2323]

#### Advisory Committee for Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union; Notice of Meeting

The Department of State announces that the Advisory Committee for Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (Title VIII) will convene on April 26, 1996, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1105, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The Advisory Committee will recommend grant recipients for the FY 1996 competition of the Program for Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union in connection with the "Research and Training for Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union Act of 1983, as amended." The agenda will include: opening statements by the Chairman and members of the Committee and, within the Committee, discussion, approval, and recommendation that the Department of State negotiate grant agreements with certain "national organizations with an interest and expertise in conducting research and training concerning the countries of Eastern Europe and the independent states of the former Soviet Union," based on the guidelines contained in the call for applications published in the Federal Register on November 27, 1995. Following committee deliberation, interested members of the public may make oral statements concerning the Title VIII program in general.

This meeting will be open to the public; however, attendance will be limited to the seating available. Entry into the Department of State building is controlled and must be arranged in advance of the meeting. Those planning to attend should notify Joanne Bramble, INR/RES, U.S. Department of State, (202) 736-4572, by April 19, 1996, providing their date of birth, Social Security number, and any requirements for special needs. All attendees must use the 2201 C Street, NW., entrance to the building. Visitors who arrive without prior notification and without a photo ID will not be admitted.

[Public Notice No. 2328]

#### International Telecommunications Advisory Committee (ITAC) Ad Hoc on ITU Regional Development Conferences; Meeting Notice

The Department of State announces the first meeting of the United States International Telecommunications Advisory Committee (ITAC) Ad Hoc to prepare for Regional Development Conferences (RDCs) of the international Telecommunication Union (ITU). The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 10:00 a.m. to noon, Room 1107, Department of State, 2201 "C" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The purpose of ITAC is to advise the Department on policy, technical and operations matters and to provide strategic planning recommendations, with respect to international telecommunications and information issues. To assist in preparations for related international meetings, the Department has established an ITAC Ad Hoc group to deal with preparations for upcoming RDCs of the ITU. Such conferences are now scheduled for the ITU Africa Region in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, 6-10 May; and for the ITU middle East Region in Beirut, Lebanon, November 11-15.

The agenda for the meeting will cover how the U.S. will organize its preparations to address the three broad themes of the RDC: (1) Policies and Strategies; (2) Development of Networks; and (3) Financing. Questions regarding the agenda or Ad Hoc activities in general may be directed to Doreen McGirr, Department of State, at 202-647-5231.

Members of the general public may attend the meetings and join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the chair. In this regard, entry to the building is controlled. If you wish to attend, please send a fax to 202-647-5957 not later than 2 days before the scheduled meeting. One of the following valid photo ID's will be required for admittance: U.S. driver's license with picture, U.S. passport, U.S. government ID (company ID's are no longer accepted by Diplomatic Security). Enter from the "C" Street Main Lobby.

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Office of Commercial Space Transportation; Public Meeting on Launch Requirements and Future Space Transportation Needs for Low Earth Orbit Market Demands

Notice is hereby given that the Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation (DOT) formerly the Office of Commercial Space Transportation (60 FR 62762, December 7, 1995), will convene a public meeting in order to collect information from interested parties that would assist in defining launch requirements and in projecting future space transportation needs to support Low Earth Orbit (LEO) market demands. The meeting will be held on February 20, 1996 at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, D.C., Room 4436 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The data and information gathered as a result of this meeting will be used to update prior studies of the LEO market that the Office released initially in March 1994 and updated in May 1995. Both the March 1994 release and the May 1995 update were completed on the basis of information collected at a public meeting on February 10, 1994, through written submittals to the Office and Office research. As before, the Office is undertaking the assessment in support of DOT's participation in various interagency working groups on space transportation and the efforts by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to negotiate and monitor compliance with commercial space launch trade agreements between the U.S. and various countries with economies in transition offering commercial space launch services.

Specifically, the Office is interested in obtaining projections of the number of LEO payloads that will be launched between the years 1996-2005, as well as assessments of the types of services that may result from LEO satellites and their applications (e.g., remote sensing, mobile communications). The Office is also interested in obtaining short- and long-range projections of the potential revenues that may be generated by these

space-based systems. For purposes of this study, LEO should be considered to include Medium Earth Orbit (MEO) requirements as well (e.g., proposed communications satellite constellations in MEO).

In addition to the public meeting, written submissions may be provided by any interested party. Submissions designated as proprietary will be treated confidentially. Written submission should be provided as soon as possible, but no later than noon on February 27, 1996, to the Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, Room 5415, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 or by fax to (202) 366-7256. Additional information may be obtained by contracting Patti Grace Smith at (202) 366-8960 or Richard W. Scott, Jr. at (202) 366-2936.

Dated: January 29, 1996.  
Frank C. Weaver,  
*Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation.*  
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**RTCA, Inc., RTCA Special Committee 188; Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards for High Frequency Data Link (HFDL); Meeting**

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for an RTCA Special Committee 188 meeting to be held March 12-15, 1996, starting at 9:30 a.m. on March 12. (On subsequent days, meeting begins at 9:00 a.m.) (March 12 will address the Opening Plenary and Working Group 1 MASPS; March 13 will continue Working Group 1 discussion; March 14 will address Working Group 2 MOPS; and March 15 will continue Working Group 2 and the Closing Plenary. The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1140 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036.

The agenda will be as follows: (1) Chairman's Introductory Remarks; (2) Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda; (3) Presentations; (4) Adjourn to Working Group Sessions; (5) Reconvene in Plenary; (6) Reports from Working Groups 1 and 2; (7) Other Business; (8) Set Agenda for Next Meeting; (9) Date and Place 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, N.W., 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.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 1, 1996.

Janice L. Peters,  
*Designated Official.*  
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**Maritime Administration**

[Docket S-931]

**Mormac Marine Transport, Inc.; Notice of Application for Payment of Unused Operating-Differential Subsidy**

On December 22, 1993, the Maritime Administrator permitted Mormac Marine Transport, Inc. (Mormac) to separate its Operating-Differential Subsidy Agreement (ODSA), Contract MA/MSB-295 into three distinct contracts. Mormac would operate the MORMACSTAR under Contract MA/MSB-295(a), with a termination date of December 9, 1995; the MORMACSUN under Contract MA/MSB-295(b), with a termination date of June 22, 1996; and the MORMACSKY under Contract MA/MSB-295(c), with a termination date of January 31, 1997.

Mormac is currently requesting extension or renewal of Contract MA/MSB-295(a), which terminated on December 9, 1995, and Contract MA/MSB-295(b), which terminates on June 22, 1996, to permit the use of unused subsidy days through the termination of Contract MA/MSB-295(c) on January 31, 1997.

Mormac advises that it has more than 2,842 days of unused subsidy on Contracts MA/MSB-295(a), 295(b), and 295(c), which accrued prior to the termination of Contract MA/MSB-295(a) on December 9, 1995.

Mormac states that on September 14, 1995, the Maritime Subsidy Board approved Mormac's request to extend the subsidizable life of the MORMACSTAR and MORMACSUN to January 31, 1997, the termination date of MA/MSB-295(c) on the MORMACSKY. Mormac advises that approving its request to use unused subsidy days through this date would permit Mormac to receive the full benefit of subsidy for the entire subsidizable life of the vessels.

Mormac also states that extending the terms of the ODSAs to permit the use of unsubsidized days would permit

continued operation of U.S.-flag vessels in the foreign trade and continued employment of U.S. seafarers. According to Mormac, the extension of the ODSAs is therefore consistent with the purposes and policies of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended.

This application may be inspected in the Office of the Secretary, Maritime Administration. Any person, firm or corporation having any interest in such request and desiring to submit comments concerning the application must file written comments in triplicate with the Secretary, Maritime Administration, Room 7210, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington D.C. 20590. Comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 21, 1996. The Maritime Subsidy Board will consider any comments submitted and take such action with respect thereto as may be deemed appropriate.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 2.804 Operating-Differential Subsidies)

Dated: February 1, 1996.  
By Order of the Maritime Subsidy Board.  
Joel C. Richard,  
*Secretary.*  
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**Surface Transportation Board<sup>1</sup>**

[Docket No. AB-432X]

**Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad Company, Inc.; Discontinuance Exemption; in Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties, PA**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** The discontinuance of trackage rights over certain lines in Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties, PA, by Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad Company, Inc., is exempted from the

<sup>1</sup> 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.