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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rita Gibbons, Staff Assistant, Office of Research and Development, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-4862. Fax number: 202-366-5930.

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William A. Boehly,
Associate Administrator for Research and Development.

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Research and Special Programs Administration

Pipeline Safety User Fees

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the fiscal year 1997 user fee assessments for pipeline facilities will be mailed to pipeline operators on or about December 10, 1996. The fees to be assessed for natural gas transmission, hazardous liquid and liquefied natural gas (LNG) are as indicated below:

Natural gas transmission pipelines: \$67.46 per mile (based on 295,217 miles of pipeline).

Hazardous liquid pipelines: \$61.27 per mile (based on 155,180 miles of pipeline).

LNG is based on the number of plants and total storage capacity:

Total storage capacity BBLs	Assessment/plant
<10,000	= \$1,250
10,000-100,000	= 2,500
100,000-250,000	= 3,750
250,000-500,000	= 5,000
≤500,000	= 7,500

Section 60301 of Title 49, United States Code, authorizes the assessment and collection of pipeline user fees to fund the pipeline safety activities conducted under 49 U.S.C. 60101 *et seq.* The Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) assesses each operator of regulated interstate and intrastate natural gas transmission pipelines (as defined in 49 CFR Part 192), and hazardous liquid pipelines carrying petroleum, petroleum products, anhydrous ammonia and carbon dioxide (as defined in 49 CFR Part 195) a share of the total Federal pipeline safety program costs in proportion to the number of miles of pipeline each operator has in service. Onshore pipelines excluded from regulation by 49 CFR 195, are not included. Operators of LNG facilities are assessed based on total storage capacity (as defined in 49 CFR Part 193).

In accordance with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 60301, Departmental resources were taken into consideration for determining total program costs. The apportionment ratio between gas and liquid, as shown below, is a result of increased program resources to the hazardous liquid program because of environmental protection activities:

Year(s)	General program costs (gas) (percent)	General program costs (liquid) (percent)
1986-1990	80	20
1991-1992	75	25
1993	75 (3/4yr) ...	25 (3/4yr)
	60 (1/4yr) ...	40 (1/4yr)
1994	60	40
1995	75	25
1996	65	35
1997	55	45

In accordance with the regulations of the Department of the Treasury, user fees will be due 30 days after the date of the assessment. Interest, penalties, and administrative charges will be assessed on delinquent debts in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3717.

Issued in Washington, DC November 12, 1996.

Richard B. Felder

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.
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Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33287]

Delaware Valley Railway Company, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Gettysburg Railroad Company

Delaware Valley Railway Company, Inc., a Class III shortline carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate approximately 23.4 route miles from Gettysburg Railroad Company between approximately milepost 31.2, at Gettysburg, PA, and milepost 7.8, at Mount Holly Springs, PA.

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or about November 15, 1996.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33287, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on: Robert A. Wimbish, Esq., Rea, Cross & Auchincloss, Suite 420, 1920 N Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 785-3700.

Decided: November 7, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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[STB Finance Docket No. 33291]

Genesee & Wyoming Inc.—Control Exemption—Rail Link, Inc.

Genesee & Wyoming Inc. (GWI), a noncarrier holding company, has filed a notice of exemption to acquire control through stock ownership of Rail Link, Inc. (Rail Link), a noncarrier holding company. Rail Link controls three separate Class III railroads as follows: Carolina Coastal Railway, Inc. (CLNA); Commonwealth Railway, Inc. (CWRY); and Talleyrand Terminal Railroad (TRR).¹

The transaction will be consummated on or after November 8, 1996.

¹ GWI is acquiring all of the outstanding capital stock of Rail Link and will indirectly control CLNA, CWRY, and TRR.

GWI controls 11 existing Class III carrier subsidiaries: Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Company, Inc., operating in western New York; Dansville and Mount Morris Railroad Company, operating in New York; Rochester & Southern Railroad, Inc., operating in New York; Louisiana & Delta Railroad, Inc., operating in Louisiana; Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc., operating in New York and Pennsylvania; Bradford Industrial Rail, Inc., operating in Pennsylvania and New York; Allegheny & Eastern Railroad, Inc., operating in Pennsylvania; Willamette & Pacific Railroad, Inc., operating in Oregon; GWI Switching Services, operating in Texas; Illinois & Midland Railroad, Inc., operating in Illinois; and Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, Inc., operating in Pennsylvania.

GWI states that (i) CLNA, CWRY, and TRR will not connect with any railroad in the GWI corporate family; (ii) the acquisition of control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the Rail Link subsidiaries with any railroad in the GWI corporate family; and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

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An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33291, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Eric M. Hocky, Esq., Gollatz, Griffin, & Ewing, P.C., 213 W. Miner Street, P.O. Box 796, West Chester, PA 19381-0796.

Decided: November 7, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.
Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.
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UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE/TIME: Thursday, November 21, 1996, 9:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 1550 M Street, NW, M Street Lobby Conference Room, Washington, DC 20005.

STATUS: Open Session—Portions may be closed pursuant to Subsection (c) of Section 552(b) of Title 5, United States Code, as provided in subsection 1706(h)(3) of the United States Institute of Peace Act, Public Law 98-525.

AGENDA: November Board Meeting; Approval of Minutes of the Seventy-seventh Meeting of the Board of Directors; Chairman's Report; President's Report; Committee Reports; Review of Grant Applications; Long-Term Planning Goals; Other General Issues.

CONTACT: Dr. Sheryl Brown, Director, Office of Communications, Telephone: (202) 457-1700.

Dated: November 13, 1996.
Charles E. Nelson,
Vice President for Management and Finance,
United States Institute of Peace.
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Future of VA Long-Term Care Advisory Committee, Notice of Establishment

As required by Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, U.S.C. (App. 1), the VA hereby gives notice of the establishment of the Future of VA Long-Term Care Advisory Committee. The Committee's review is essential to ensure that VA is sufficiently addressing the long-term care needs of veterans, thus VA has determined that this action is in the public interest. Additionally, this Committee's mission does not duplicate the mission of any VA committee.

The objectives of this Committee are to advise the Under Secretary for Health about the structure and delivery of long-term care services and make recommendations necessary for VA to foster progress in this area. The

Committee will review the background of nursing home and community-based long-term care in VA, its existing structure, and its mission within the new healthcare arena and the demographic changes of the veteran population. The Committee will examine such issues as: target populations for long-term care services; the size and mix of institutional and non-institutional services; and priorities for care when demand for services exceeds the supply.

The Committee's membership will be selected on the basis of knowledge and experience in current and future long-term care services. To ensure a balance in the recommendations made to the Under Secretary for Health, the Committee will be composed of individuals with expertise in current health care practices, economics and planning for long-term care, business practice and entrepreneurial ventures. Appointments will be for the duration of the Committee unless otherwise directed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. This is a mission-specific committee which will be terminated as soon as the stated mission is complete.

The Designated Federal Official for the Committee is Daniel Schoeps, M.A., Chief Community Care Programs, Veterans Health Administration, at (202) 273-8543.

Dated: November 11, 1996.
By Direction of the Secretary,
Eugene A. Brickhouse,
Committee Management Officer.
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Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War will be held at the Town and Country Hotel, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, California 92108-3091, from December 4, 1996, through December 6, 1996. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. each day and will be open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of benefits under Title 38, United States Code, for veterans who are former prisoners of war, and to make recommendations on the need of such veterans for compensation, health care and rehabilitation.

On the morning of December 4, the committee will receive briefings and