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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2497]

United States—Egypt Science and Technology Joint Board; Public Announcement of a New Science and Technology Program for Competitive Grants to Support International, Collaborative Projects in Science and Technology Between U.S. and Egyptian Cooperators

January 15, 1997.

AGENCY: U.S. Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 15, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Catherine Bourgeois, Program Specialist, Office of Cooperative Science Programs, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES/SCP), U.S. Department of State, 202-647-4662.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: This program is established under 22 U.S.C. 2656d and the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

A solicitation for this program will begin January 15, 1997. This program will provide small grants for successfully competitive proposals for collaborative projects and other activities submitted by United States and Egyptian experts. Projects must help the United States and Egypt utilize science and apply technology by providing opportunities to exchange ideas, information, skills, and techniques, and to collaborate on scientific and technological endeavors of mutual interest and benefit. Proposals considered for funding in Fiscal Year 1997 must be received by March 1, 1997 by the Program Administrators. All proposals will be considered; however, special consideration will be given to proposals that address priority areas defined/approved by the Joint Board. These include priorities in the areas of biotechnology, standards and metrology, environmental technologies, and manufacturing technologies. More information on these priorities and copies of the Program Announcement/

Application may be obtained upon request.

Anne K. Solomon,
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Science, Technology, and Health, and Chair, United States—Egypt S&T Joint Board.
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[Public Notice No. 2500]

United States International Telecommunications Advisory Committee (ITAC), Standardization Sector (ITAC-T), Study Group A and ITAC-T; Meeting Notice

The Department of State announces that the United States International Telecommunications Advisory Committee (ITAC), Telecommunications Standardization Sector (ITAC-T) National Study Group and Study Group A has scheduled the following sessions to develop United States positions and contributions for upcoming ITU-T meetings dealing with standardization activities of the International Telecommunications Union.

The U.S. National group, ITAC-T, will discuss and prepare for the March 3-7, 1997, Telecommunications Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) meeting, while U.S. Study Group A will discuss and prepare positions and contributions for (1) ITU-T Study Group 3's (Tariff and Accounting Principles including related telecommunications economic and policy) meeting now scheduled for May 22-30, 1997 and (2) the ITU-T Study Group 2 meeting scheduled for Geneva, May 20-30, 1997. A more extensive agenda will be developed and distributed by fax or electronic mail to members prior to the announced meeting including the announcements of two ad hoc group meetings, one for numbering and routing and one for accounting rates and call back applications.

ITAC-T Preparations for TSAG

February 6, 1997 at AT&T, 20th & L Streets, Washington, DC, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

March 20, 1997 at the Department of State, room 1207, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ITAC-T Study Group A Preparations for ITU SG2 and SG3

March 19, 1997 at the Department of State, room 1207, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

April 30, 1997 at the Department of State, room 1207, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ad Hoc Group for Numbering/Routing Issues (SG2)

March 13, 1997 at Bellcore, 2101 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

March 14, 1997 at Bellcore, 2101 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

April 8, 1997, at Bellcore, 2101 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

April 9, 1997, at Bellcore, 2101 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Members of the General Public may attend the meetings and join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the chair. Admittance of public members will be limited to the seating available. In this regard, entrance to the Department of State is controlled. Questions regarding the meeting may be addressed to Mr. Earl Barbely at 202-647-0197. If you wish to attend please send a fax to 202-647-7407 not later than 5 days before the scheduled meetings. Please include your name, Social Security number and date of birth. 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.

Dated: December 31, 1996.

Earl S. Barbely,

Chairman, U.S. ITAC for Telecommunication Standardization.

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[Public Notice No. 2503]

Shipping Coordinating Committee International Maritime Organization (IMO) Legal Committee; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 6, 1997, in Room 2415 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. The purpose of this meeting is to report on the ninth session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)/United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) jointly sponsored intergovernmental group of experts (JIGE), which met in Geneva from December 2-6, 1996, to consider revisions to the 1952 Arrest Convention. This SHC meeting will also prepare for the 75th session of the IMO Legal Committee, which will be held April

21-25, 1997, in London, regarding financial responsibility or compulsory liability and compensation insurance for seagoing vessels, compensation for pollution from ships' bunkers, a draft convention on wreck removal, and other matters. Finally, this meeting will be another opportunity for interested members of the public to express their views on whether the United States should ratify the Hazardous and Noxious Substances Convention, adopted in London in May, 1996.

Members of the public are invited to attend the SHC meeting, up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information, for copies of conference documents, or to submit views concerning the subjects of discussion, contact either Captain Malcolm J. Williams, Jr., or Lieutenant Bruce P. Dalcher, U.S. Coast Guard (G-LMI), 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20593, telephone (202) 267-1527, telefax (202) 267-4496.

Dated: January 6, 1997.

Russell A. La Mantia,
Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Airport Certification Issues

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss airport certification issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 29, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. Arrange for oral presentations by January 17, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at FAA Headquarters, Conference Rooms 5B and 5C, 5th Floor, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Marisa Mullen, Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-205), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-7653, fax (202) 267-5075.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to § 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is hereby given of a

meeting of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to be held on January 29, 1997, at FAA Headquarters, Conference Rooms 5B and 5C, 5th Floor, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591. The agenda will include:

- Committee administration.
- Status report from Friction Measurement and Signing Working Group.
- General discussion of working group report.
- Recommendations and Findings Report from Commuter Airport Certification Working Group. To include presentation of any minority view points.
- General discussion of working group report.
- Make any additions or clarifications to working group report.
- Transit completed report to FAA; completing working group task.
- A discussion of future meeting dates, locations, activities, and plans.

Attendance is open to the interested public, but will be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements by January 17, 1997, to present oral statements at the meeting. The public may present written statements to the committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Executive Director, or by bringing the copies to the meeting. In addition, sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as an assistive listening device, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 8, 1997.

Robert E. David,

Assistant Executive Director for Airport Certification Issues, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33321]

Western Fuels Service Corporation, Acquisition and Operation Exemption, Burlington Northern Railroad Company

Western Fuels Service Corporation (WFSC), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150, Subpart D to acquire and operate a rail line owned by Burlington Northern Railroad Company (BN). The line, located in Wyoming, extends from

West Caballo Junction (milepost 14.9) to the following mines in the Powder River Basin: (1) Buckskin (milepost 9.5; 25 route miles); (2) Fort Union (milepost 6.0; 21 route miles); (3) Clovis Point (milepost 3.0; 18 route miles); Rawhide (milepost 9.5; 25 route miles); Eagle Butte (milepost 9.5; 25 route miles); and Dry Fork (milepost 7.9; 23 route miles).

WFSC states that it has not reached an agreement with BN to operate over BN's tracks between West Caballo Junction and the Powder River Basin mines, but that it is seeking such rights and authority in its pending complaint in *Western Fuels Service Corporation v. Burlington Northern Railroad Company*, STB Docket No. 41987, to obtain access to terminal facilities under 49 U.S.C. 11102.

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.¹ The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33321, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423 and served on: Fredrick D. Palmer, Western Fuels Service Corporation, Suite 805, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22203-1860; and Peter Glaser, Doherty, Rumble, and Butler, PA, 1401 New York Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20005.

Decided: January 7, 1997.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.
Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices, Debt Management Advisory Committee; Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 10 of Public Law 92-463, that a meeting will be held at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at 3:00 p.m. on January 16, 1997, of the following debt management advisory committee: Public Securities Association

¹ On December 13, 1996, BN filed a petition to reject the notice of exemption or, in the alternative, for a declaration that the notice is void *ab initio*. WFSC filed a reply on December 31, 1996. The merits of the petition will be decided by the entire Board in a separate decision.