

Several commenters state that the proposed type certification basis will not assure a level of safety equal to other transport category helicopters currently certified, that use of obsolete certification regulations will not meet the same level of safety required of aircraft certified under modern certification regulations, and that Model UH-1H helicopters were built under military requirements while the Bell Model 205 helicopters were designed for civilian use and therefore meet a higher standard.

14 CFR 21.27 allows a type certification basis other than the most current certification regulations. As previously discussed, retroactive compliance for previously certificated civil helicopters or their derivatives has not been required of any type certificate holder. Bell Model 205 helicopters were certificated to CAR 7 rules. The FAA has determined that the Model GH205A helicopters' type certification basis at FAR 29, Amendment 1, certain later Amendments of FAR 29, equivalent safety finding requirement, CAR 13 at Amendments 13-1, 13-2 and 13-3, certain later Amendments of FAR 33, and special conditions provide a satisfactory level of safety commensurate with Bell Model 205 helicopters.

#### Type Certification Basis

Pursuant to the provisions of § 21.27, the type certification basis of the Garlick Helicopters, Inc. Model GH205A helicopters is:

1. 14 CFR part 29 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) effective August 12, 1965, as amended by Amendment 29-1, Category B, except:
  - Section 29.2 of the FAR effective September 16, 1991, as amended by Amendment 29-32.
  - Section 29.695 through Amendment 29-1, Category B, Finding of Equivalent Safety.
  - Section 29.785 of the FAR effective December 6, 1984, as amended by Amendment 29-24.
  - Section 29.853 of the FAR effective March 6, 1980, as amended by Amendment 29-18.
  - Section 29.1529 of the FAR effective October 14, 1980, as amended by Amendment 29-20.
2. 14 CFR part 36 of the FAR, Appendix H, latest Amendment in existence at the time of certification.
3. Part 13 of the Civil Air Regulations (CAR) effective August 12, 1957, as amended by Amendment 13-1.
4. Part 13 of the CAR effective May 17, 1958, as amended by Amendment 13-2.

5. Part 13 of the CAR effective October 1, 1959, as amended by Amendment 13-3.

6. 14 CFR Section 33.4 of the FAR effective October 14, 1980, as amended by Amendment 33-9.

7. 14 CFR Section 33.14 of the FAR effective March 26, 1984, as amended by Amendment 33-10.

8. Special Condition No. 29-006-SC.

#### Additional Special Conditions

The necessity for additional special conditions may become evident as more experience is gained during this type certification program. Any additional special conditions will be promulgated in accordance with §§ 11.28 and 21.16.

#### Post-Certification Activity

The design evaluation does not end with the issuance of the type certificate. Regulations require type certificate holders to submit various reports and data on the helicopters' service experience and to perform periodic inspections and maintenance necessary to assure continued airworthiness. The FAA continues to monitor the safety performance of a design after the type design is approved and the aircraft is introduced into service through the various reports and data that the FAA receives, and with post-certification design reviews when necessary. The airworthiness standards, such as Part 29 and Part 33, and the operational standards, such as parts 91 and 135, are amended from time to time to incorporate new technologies and to upgrade the existing level of safety. If, during an evaluation, an unsafe condition is found as a result of service experience and that condition is likely to exist or develop in other products of the same type, the FAA issues an AD under part 39 to require a change to the type design or to define special inspection or operational limitations. In effect, these are retroactive applications of required type design changes.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas on December 9, 1999.

**Henry A. Armstrong,**

*Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Intelligent Transportation Society of America; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS AMERICA) will hold a meeting of its Board of Directors on Thursday, January 13, 2000. The meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. The letter designations that follow each item mean the following: (I) is an "information item;" (A) is an action item; (D) is a discussion item. This meeting includes the following items: (1) Introductions and ITS America Antitrust Policy and Conflict of Interest Statements; (2) Review and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for August 10, 1999, and November 7, 1999 (A); (3) US DOT ITS Federal Report (I/D); (4) Executive Committee Report (I); (5) Coordinating Council Report (A); (6) National ITS Deployment Strategy Project (I); (7) State Chapters Council Report (I); (8) ITS America Association: Business Plan and Congressional Tour Report; (9) Report of the ITS World Congress: Toronto World Congress Update; Other International Activities (I/A/D); (10) 2000 ITS America Annual Meeting Update (I); (11) President's Report (External Issues) (I); (12) Other Business; (13) At 3:30 p.m. A Business Session open only to Board Members, ITS America Members and Staff.; (14) Report of the Finance Committee: 1999 Budget Status; Resource Allocation Plans; and Ratification of Executive Committee Approval of 2000 Budget; (15) President's Report (Internal Issues); (16) Presentation of Slates of Nominees for Board and Officers; Coordinating Council Officers; At-Large Seats; and Committee/Task Force Chairs; and State Chapters Council Officers (A); (17) Other Business: 2000 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule (I); (18) Adjournment until May 4, 2000, Board of Directors Meeting #34 held in conjunction with the ITS America Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.

ITS AMERICA provides a forum for national discussion and recommendations on ITS activities including programs, research needs, strategic planning, standards, international liaison, and priorities.

The charter for the utilization of ITS AMERICA establishes this organization as an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) 5 USC app. 2, when it provides advice or recommendations to DOT officials on ITS policies and programs. (56 FR 9400, March 6, 1991).

**DATES:** The Board of Directors of ITS AMERICA will meet on Thursday, January 13, 2000, from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, NW,

Washington, DC Phone: (202) 328-2000.  
Fax: (202) 234-0015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Materials associated with this meeting may be examined at the offices of ITS AMERICA, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20024. Persons needing further information or to request to speak at this meeting should contact Marlene Vence-Crampton at ITS AMERICA by telephone at (202) 484-4847, or by Fax at (202) 484-3483. The DOT contact is Kristy Frizzell, ITS JPO FHWA, HOIT, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-0722. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays.

(23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48)

Issued on: December 16, 1999.

**Jeffrey Paniati,**

*Deputy Director, ITS Joint Program Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33827]

#### Union Pacific Railroad Company— Trackage Rights Exemption—CBEC Railway, Inc.

CBEC Railway, Inc. (CBEC) has agreed to grant local trackage rights to Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) over approximately 6.2 miles of CBEC trackage extending between CBEC milepost 0.0 and CBEC milepost 6.2, near Council Bluffs, IA.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or after the December 14, 1999 effective date of the exemption.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to permit UP to provide direct service to a major utility customer on CBEC.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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 will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33827, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office

of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Robert T. Opal, Esq., Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: December 13, 1999.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Departmental Offices; International Financial Institution Advisory Commission

**AGENCY:** Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Under section 603 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1999, the International Financial Institution Advisory Commission (the "Commission") shall advise and report to the Congress on the future role and responsibilities of the international financial institutions (defined as the International Monetary Fund, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Development Association, International Finance Corporation, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, African Development Bank, African Development Fund, Asian Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, and Inter-American Investment Corporation), the World Trade Organization, and the Bank for International Settlements.

**DATES:** The seventh meeting of the Advisory Commission will be held on January 3, 2000, beginning at 4:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. The eighth meeting of the Advisory Commission will be held on January 4, 2000, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending tentatively at 3:00 p.m. The locations for both meetings is not yet determined..

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Designated Federal Official: William McFadden, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of International Monetary and Financial Policy, Room 4444, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20220. Telephone

number 202-622-0343, fax number (202) 622-7664.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

### Agenda of Meetings

The Commission members will focus on exchange rate policy, income inequality and debt forgiveness.

### Procedure

These meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may close early if all business is finished. Members of the public may submit written comments. If you wish to furnish such comments, please provide 16 copies of your written material to the Designated Federal Official. If you wish to have your comments distributed to members of the Commission in advance of the seventh or eighth meeting, 16 copies of any written material should be provided to the Designated Federal Official no later than December 28, 1999.

Dated: December 14, 1999.

**William McFadden,**

*Designated Federal Official.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

### Office of Thrift Supervision

### FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Joint Comment Request

**AGENCIES:** Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board); and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB Review; Joint Comment Request.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the OCC, the OTS, the Board, and the FDIC (collectively, the "agencies") hereby give notice that they plan to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requests for review of the information collection systems described below. The