

contact the Panel staff for the call-in teleconference number and to schedule presentation time slots. Since seating and telephone lines may be limited, persons interested in providing testimony or in attending this meeting should contact the Panel staff by E-mailing Kristen M. Breland, at "kristen.m.breland@ssa.gov" or calling (410) 966-7225.

Anyone requiring information regarding the Panel should contact the TWWIA Panel staff. Records are being kept of all Panel proceedings and will be available for public inspection by appointment at the Panel office. Anyone requiring information regarding the Panel should contact the Panel staff by:

- Mail addressed to Social Security Administration, Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Staff, 107 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD, 21235
- Telephone at (410) 966-7225

(Kristen Breland)

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Dated: October 5, 2000.

Deborah M. Morrison,

Designated Federal Officer.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Teleconference Meeting

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of teleconference meeting.

DATES: November 27, 2000 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Social Security Administration, International Trade Center, 500 E St. SW, 8th Floor, Theatre Room, Washington, D.C. 20254.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of meeting: The Teleconference is open to the public. The public is invited to participate by coming to the address listed above. Only members of the panel will participate in deliberations by telephone.

Purpose: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Social Security Administration (SSA) announces a Teleconference meeting of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel (the Panel). Section 101(f) of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (TWWIA), Public Law 106-170, establishes the

Panel to advise the Commissioner of Social Security, the President, and the Congress on issues related to work incentives programs, planning, and assistance for individuals with disabilities as provided under section 101(f)(2)(A) of TWWIA. The Panel is also to advise the Commissioner on matters specified in section 101(f)(2)(B) of that Act, including certain issues related to the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program established under section 101(a) of that Act.

This is a deliberative teleconference meeting of the Panel. The Panel will meet to discuss the status of the TWWIA implementation. Public testimony will not be heard at this meeting. Any interested citizen is encouraged to submit written comments concerning this topic in advance of or at the meeting for the Panel's consideration.

Agenda: The teleconference will commence Monday, November 27, 2000 at 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. At this teleconference, the Panel will use this time to discuss the status of TWWIA implementation. Since seating may be limited, persons interested in attending this meeting should contact the Panel staff by E-mailing Kristen Breland, at "kristen.breland@ssa.gov" or calling (410) 966-7225.

A copy of the agenda follows this announcement. A copy of the agenda may also be obtained from the Internet at the web site of SSA's Office of Employment Support Programs at "<http://www.ssa.gov/work/resources/toolkit>," or by contacting the Panel staff at the mailing address, Email address, telephone and FAX number shown below.

Requests for materials in alternate formats, i.e., large print, Braille, computer disc, etc. may be made to the Panel staff at the addresses and numbers shown below.

Records are being kept of all Panel proceedings and will be available for public inspection at the Office of Employment Support Programs' web site at "<http://www.ssa.gov/work>" or by appointment at the office of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Staff, 107 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235. Anyone requiring information regarding the Panel should contact the Panel staff by:

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- Telephone at (410) 965-9063;
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- Email to Kristen Breland, at "kristen.breland@ssa.gov."

Dated: October 5, 2000.

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Ticket to Work and Work Incentives, Advisory Panel, Teleconference Meeting AGENDA

Social Security Administration, 8th Floor Theatre Room, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20254, Monday, November 27, 2000

1:30 p.m.

Meeting Convened, Presiding: Sarah Mitchell, Chair

1:30—3:15

Deliberations on the Implementation of Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act

3:15—3:30

Administrative Issues

3:30 p.m.

Adjournment

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau of Oceans, International Environmental and Scientific Affairs

[Public Notice No. 3441]

Public Meeting to Discuss Progress on International Harmonization of Chemical Hazard Classification and Labeling

SUMMARY: The United States government is preparing for a series of international meetings to further develop a globally harmonized system (GHS) of chemical hazard classification and labeling. The Department of State will hold a public meeting to update recent activities and preview upcoming international meetings on chemical hazard communication and GHS implementation.

The public meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 24, 2000, from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm, in Room N5437 B&C, at the U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC. Attendees should use the entrance at C and Third Streets NW. No advance registration is necessary. However, attendees should bring picture identification with them. For further information, please contact Marie Ricciardone, U.S. Department of State, Office of Environmental Policy (OES/ENV), Room 4325, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520; telephone (202) 736-4660; fax (202) 647-5947; e-mail RicciardoneMD@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of State is issuing this

notice to help ensure that interested organizations and individuals are informed about efforts to internationally harmonize chemical hazard classification and labeling, and have an opportunity to offer comments. Agencies participating in the U.S. government interagency group include: Department of State, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Transportation, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Commerce, Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. For more complete information on the GHS process, please refer to State Department Public Notice 2526, pages 15951–15957 of the **Federal Register** of April 3, 1997.

This meeting will summarize the GHS meetings that have taken place since the previous public meeting on August 10, 2000 (see Department of State Public Notice 3367 on pages 15951–15957 of the **Federal Register** of July 21, 2000):

- The Seventh Meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Extended Expert Group on Aquatic Environmental Hazards (Paris, September 4–5) developed guidance for applying harmonized hazard classification criteria for the aquatic toxicity of chemical substances and further developed harmonized criteria for chemical mixtures.

- The Tenth Meeting of the OECD Task Force on Harmonization of Classification and Labeling (Paris, September 6–8) reached agreement on harmonized hazard classification criteria for several health effects for chemical mixtures; approved hazard classification criteria for target organ and systemic toxicity; and agreed to initiate the development of hazard classification criteria for aspiration hazards, water-activated corrosivity and toxicity, and respiratory irritation.

Members of the interagency working group will also outline U.S. preparations for upcoming international meetings:

- The Sixth Meeting of the International Labor Organization (ILO) Working Group of Hazard Communication, October 30–November 2, Rome, Italy will develop and refine options for harmonized chemical hazard communication, such as labels and material safety data sheets.

- The Seventeenth Consultation of the IOMC Coordinating Group for the Harmonization of Chemical Classification Systems, November 2–3,

Rome, Italy will consider the need for GHS guidance and other implementation issues.

- The Twenty-first Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, December 5–14, Geneva, Switzerland will host a working group on classification criteria for physical hazards, focusing on aerosol flammability.

Interested organizations and individuals are invited to present their views orally and/or in writing at the public meeting. Participants may address other topics relating to harmonization of chemical hazard classification and labeling systems, and identify issues of concern. Those organizations/individuals that cannot attend the October 24th meeting, but wish to submit a written comment, should provide Eunice Mourning, Office of Environmental Policy, U.S. Department of State (telephone 202–647–9266; fax 202–647–5947) with their statement and/or name, organization, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address. All written comments will be placed in the OSHA public docket (H–022H), which is open Monday through Friday, from 10 am until 4 pm, at the Department of Labor, Room 2625, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC; telephone 202–219–7894; fax: 202–219–5046. Interested organizations/individuals that wish to receive future notifications of GHS-related developments by email should contact Mary Frances Lowe of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at “lowe.maryfrances@epa.gov”.

Dated: October 2, 2000.

Daniel T. Fantozzi,

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Department of State*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB–303 (Sub-No. 21X)]

Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Abandonment Exemption—in Marquette County, MI

Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon an approximately 8.84-mile line of its railroad between milepost 154 and milepost 162.84 in Marquette County, MI. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 49855 and 49866.

WCL has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on November 14, 2000, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by October 23, 2000. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by November 2, 2000, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Michael J. Barron, Jr., Wisconsin Central Ltd., P.O. Box 5062, Rosemont, IL 60017–5062.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).