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Patricia S. Harrison,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (Formerly Subpart Q) During the Week Ending May 24, 2002

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (*See* 14 CFR 301.201 *et seq.*). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: OST-2002-12355.

Date Filed: May 21, 2002.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: June 11, 2002.

Description: Application of AeroSvit Airlines, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41302, Part 211, and Subpart B, requesting a foreign air carrier permit to engage in scheduled and Charter combination service between Ukraine and the United States.

Docket Number: OST-2002-12358.

Date Filed: May 21, 2002.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: June 11, 2002.

Description: Application of M & N Aviation, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41738 and Subpart B, requesting authority to engage in scheduled passenger service as a commuter air carrier.

Docket Number: OST-2002-12370.

Date Filed: May 22, 2002.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: June 12, 2002.

Description: Application of Air Japan Co., Ltd. (AJX), pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41301, *et seq.*, 14 CFR part 211, and subpart B, requesting a foreign air carrier permit to engage in scheduled

foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between any point or points in Japan and any point or points in the United States and charter authority, consistent with AJX's exiting exemption authority.

Dorothy Y. Beard,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. OST-2002-11996]

Draft Report Implementing OMB's Information Dissemination Quality Guidelines

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On January 3, 2002, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued Government-wide guidelines under Section 515 that direct each Federal agency to establish and implement written procedures to ensure and maximize the quality, utility, objectivity and integrity of the information that they disseminate. On April 24, 2002, the Department of Transportation (DOT) posted its proposed Departmental guidelines to implement Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for FY 2001 (PL 106-554) on its Web site for public comments. On April 30, 2002, the Department published a notice of availability of its draft guidelines in the **Federal Register**. Today's notice extends the public comment period for this proposal.

DATES: Comments should be submitted by June 17, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You may file comments using the Internet by logging in on DOT'S Dockets Management System (DMS) Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Please follow the online instructions for submitting an electronic comment and for reviewing all comments on line. Once received, a notification receipt will be forwarded to you. You may fax your comments to the DMS at (202) 493-2251. You may also submit your comments by mail or in person by sending your comments to the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of Dockets and Media Management to the Docket Clerk, Docket No. OST-2002-11996, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001. If you would like the

Department to acknowledge receipt of your written comments, you must include a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments on Docket OST-2002-11996." The Docket Clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail. Comments should identify the docket number. Written comments should be submitted in duplicate. The Office of Dockets and Media Management is open for examination and copying at the above address from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. All comments received will be available for inspection at the above address. Please note that due to current mail security procedures affecting U.S. Postal Service delivery to Government offices, commenters may find it advantageous to use an alternative method (the internet, fax, or professional delivery service) to submit comments to the Docket and ensure their timely receipt at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vanester M. Williams, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U. S. Department of Transportation; 202-366-1771 (not a toll-free call) or by e-mail at vanester.Williams@ost.dot.gov. For specific inquiries on the Department's administrative mechanisms for allowing persons to seek correction of information, please contact Robert Ashby, Office of the General Counsel, U. S. Department of Transportation; 202-366-9310 (not a toll-free call) or by e-mail at bob.ashby@ost.dot.gov. For specific inquiries on the Department's statistical guidelines, please contact Dr. Patrick Flanagan, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, U. S. Department of Transportation; 202-366-4168 (not a toll-free call) or by e-mail at pat.flanagan@bts.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department's information quality guidelines will apply to a wide variety of its information dissemination activities in order to meet basic information quality standards set forth by Section 515. The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a framework under which the Department will allow affected persons an opportunity to seek and obtain correction of information maintained and disseminated by the Department that does not comply with these guidelines.

The Department received a request from a commenter to extend the comment period for this proposal an additional 60 days, through the end of July. In order to meet the August 1, 2002 deadline for submission of draft final

guidelines to OMB, as well as the October 1, 2002 deadline for issuance of final guidelines to OMB, the Department will not be able to extend the comment period for the requested length of time. However, in order to provide the public some additional time to review and send comments to us, the Department will extend the comment period for an additional two weeks. The closing date for the extended comment period will be June 17, 2002.

Instructions for filing comments may also be found in the guidelines document posted on the Department's DMS Web site. The Department will review all comments submitted in response to its draft guidelines. The comments will be available for public review on the DMS Web site.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 30, 2002.

Eugene K. Taylor, Jr.,

Deputy CIO, Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34068]

Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company, Douglas M. Head, Charles H. Clay, Kent P. Shoemaker and William F. Drusch—Continuance in Control Exemption—Minnesota Prairie Line, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board grants an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502, from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323-25, for Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company, a Class III rail common carrier, and Douglas M. Head, Charles H. Clay, Kent P. Shoemaker and William F. Drusch, all noncarrier individuals (collectively Petitioners) to continue in control of Minnesota Prairie Line, Inc.

DATES: This exemption will be effective July 6, 2002. Petitions to stay must be filed by June 21, 2002, and petitions to reopen must be filed by July 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of pleadings referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34068 to: Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of pleadings to petitioners' representative: Jo A. DeRoche, Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 19th

Street, NW Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1609.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: Dã 2 Dã Legal Copy Service, 1925 K Street, NW., Suite 405, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 293-7776. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD Services 1-800-877-8339.]

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

Decided: May 30, 2002.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Burkes.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 614X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Richmond County, GA

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 1.60 miles of railroad from Valuation Station 0+00 at milepost ANS 0.2 to Valuation Station 84+44, in Augusta, Richmond County, GA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 30901.

CSXT has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line; (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 these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the

abandonment or discontinuance 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, these exemptions will be effective on July 6, 2002, 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 June 17, 2002. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by June 26, 2002, with: Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicants' representative: Natalie S. Rosenberg, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

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

CSXT has filed an environmental report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by June 11, 2002. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1552. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-877-8339.] Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), CSXT shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority

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 (SEA) 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, as of April 8, 2002, is set at \$1,100. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).