

stay and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),⁴ must be filed by October 20, 2003. Petitions to reopen⁵ must be filed by October 30, 2003, with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to UP's representative: Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920, Chicago, IL 60606.

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

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Decided: October 6, 2003.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-307 (Sub-No. 4X)]

Wyoming and Colorado Railroad Company, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Albany County, WY

Wyoming and Colorado Railroad Company, Inc. (WYCO) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 1.12-mile line of railroad extending from milepost 0.19 to milepost 1.31 in the City of Laramie, Albany County, WY. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 82070.

WYCO 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 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 12, 2003, 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 20, 2003. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by October 30, 2003, with: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to WYCO's representative: Karl Morell, Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F St., NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

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

WYCO has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment or historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by October 17, 2003. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1539. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] Comments

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 OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,100. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

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), WYCO shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by WYCO's filing of a notice of consummation by October 10, 2004, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: October 3, 2003.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces, pursuant to Section 10(A)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 72-363; 5 U.S.C. app. 2), a meeting of the BTS Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics (ACTS). The meeting will be held on October 27, 2003, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington DC, on the 3rd Floor, in Conference Room 3200 of the Nassif Building.

The ACTS, established under Section 6007 of Pub. L. 102-240, Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, December 18, 1991, and chartered on June 19, 1995, was created to advise the Director of BTS on transportation statistics and analyses, including whether or not the statistics and analysis disseminated by the BTS are of high quality and are based upon the best available objective information.

The following is a summary of the meeting's agenda: (1) Opening Remarks; (2) Program Update; (3) Reauthorization

⁴ Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,100. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

⁵ Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Likewise no environmental or historic reporting requirements are required here under 49 CFR 1105.6(c), and 1105.8(b), respectively. However, UP submitted an environmental report with its notice.

Legislation; (4) Freight Data Program; (5) National Household Travel Survey; (6) Analytical Agenda; (7) General Discussion; and (8) Public Comments and Closing Remarks.

Since access to the DOT building is controlled, all persons who plan to attend the meeting must notify Ms. Phyllis Seville, the Committee Management Officer at (202) 366-9510 prior to October 24, 2003. Individuals attending the meeting must report to the SW Lobby of the Nassif Building for admission to the building. Attendance is open to the public, but limited space is available. With the approval of the Chair, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Non-committee members wishing to present oral statements or obtain information should also contact Ms. Seville.

Questions about the agenda or written comments may be submitted by U.S. Mail to: U.S. Department of Transportation, BTS, Attention: Robert A. Monniere, Room 3103, 400 Seventh St. SW., Washington DC 20590 or faxed to (202) 366-3640. BTS requests that written comments be submitted prior to the meeting.

Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Ms. Seville at (202) 366-9510 at least seven calendar days prior to the meeting.

Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with the FACA and the General Service Administration regulations (41 C.F.R. Part 102-3) covering management of Federal advisory committees.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 2, 2003.

Rick Kowalewski,

Deputy Director, Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices; Debt Management Advisory Committee; Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. 2, section 10(a)(2), that a meeting will be held at the U.S. Treasury Department, 15th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, on October 28, 2003, at 11 a.m. of the following debt management advisory committee: Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of The Bond Market Association ("Committee").

The agenda for the meeting provides for a charge by the Secretary of the Treasury or his designate that the Committee discuss particular issues, and a working session. Following the working session, the Committee will present a written report of its recommendations. The meeting will be closed to the public, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. 2 section 10(d) and Public Law 103-202, section 202(c)(1)(B) (31 U.S.C. 3121 note).

This notice shall constitute my determination, pursuant to the authority placed in heads of agencies by 5 U.S.C. app. 2, section 10(d) and vested in me by Treasury Department Order No. 101-05, that the meeting will consist of discussions and debates of the issues presented to the Committee by the Secretary of the Treasury and the making of recommendations of the Committee to the Secretary, pursuant to Public Law 103-202, section 202(c)(1)(B). Thus, this information is exempt from disclosure under that provision and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3)(B). In addition, the meeting is concerned with information that is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A). The public interest requires that such meetings be closed to the public because the Treasury Department requires frank and full advice from representatives of the financial community prior to making its final decision on major financing operations. Historically, this advice has been offered by debt management advisory committees established by the several major segments of the financial community. When so utilized, such a committee is recognized to be an advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. app. 2, section 3.

Although the Treasury's final announcement of financing plans may not reflect the recommendations provided in reports of the Committee, premature disclosure of the Committee's deliberations and reports would be likely to lead to significant financial speculation in the securities market. Thus, this meeting falls within the exemption covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A).

Treasury staff will provide a technical briefing to the press on the day before the Committee meeting, following the release of a statement of economic conditions, financing estimates and technical charts. This briefing will give the press an opportunity to ask questions about financing projections and technical charts. The day after the Committee meeting, Treasury will release the minutes of the meeting, any charts that were discussed at the meeting, and the Committee's report to the Secretary.

The Office of Financial Markets is responsible for maintaining records of debt management advisory committee meetings and for providing annual reports setting forth a summary of Committee activities and such other matters as may be informative to the public consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552(b). The Designated Federal Officer or other responsible agency official who may be contacted for additional information is Tim Bitsbergerr, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Federal Finance, at (202) 622-2245.

Dated: October 7, 2003.

Brian C. Roseboro,

Assistant Secretary, Financial Markets.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, within the Department of the Treasury, is soliciting comments concerning the "Inventory-Manufacturer of Tobacco Products."

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 9, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Sandra L. Turner, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20220, 202-927-8210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Sandra L. Turner, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20220; telephone 202-927-8210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Inventory-Manufacturer of Tobacco Products.

OMB Number: 1513-0032.

Form Number: TTB F 3067 (5210.9).