

rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than November 12, 2009. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$250 filing fee. *See* 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-1041X, and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001, and (2) Thomas F. McFarland, Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604-1112. Replies to DN's petition are due on or before November 12, 2009.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs and Compliance at (202) 245-0238 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA generally will be within 30 days of its service.

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By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35308]

Piedmont & Atlantic Railroad Co., Inc., d/b/a/ Yadkin Valley Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Piedmont & Atlantic Railroad Co., Inc., d/b/a Yadkin Valley Railroad Company (YVRR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire, by purchase pursuant to an agreement it anticipates entering into with Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) (successor to Southern Railway Company), and to operate approximately 93 miles of rail lines as follows: (1) From milepost K-37.0 at Rural Hall, in Forsyth County, NC, to milepost K-100.2 at North Wilkesboro, in Wilkes County, NC; and (2) from milepost CF-0.0 at Mount Airy, in Surry County, NC, to milepost CF-29.8 at Rural Hall, in Forsyth County, NC.¹ YVRR has subleased and operated these rail lines since March 1994.²

YVRR certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier.

YVRR states that it intends to consummate the transaction on or after November 7, 2009, but shall in no event consummate the transaction before the Board either grants its petition for waiver of the 60-day labor notice requirement or YVRR satisfies the applicable labor notice requirement at 49 CFR 1150.42(e).³ YVRR requests expedited action on its petition.

¹ Laurinburg & Southern Railroad Company previously was authorized to lease these lines and YVRR was authorized to operate them in *Laurinburg and Southern Railroad Company, et al.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Southern Railway Company*, Finance Docket No. 31526 (ICC served Nov. 7, 1989).

² *See Piedmont & Atlantic Railroad Co., Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption—L & S Holding Company d/b/a/Laurinburg & Southern Railroad Co. and Yadkin Valley Railroad Company*, Finance Docket No. 32462 (ICC served Mar. 29, 1994). Also, in *H. Peter and Linda C. Claussen—Continuance in Control Exemption—Piedmont & Atlantic Railroad Co., Inc.*, Finance Docket No. 32464, (ICC served Mar. 29, 1994), H. Peter and Linda C. Claussen were authorized to continue in control of Piedmont & Atlantic Railroad Co., Inc., once it became a Class III rail carrier.

³ On October 8, 2009, YVRR concurrently filed a certification of labor notice compliance and a petition for waiver of the 60-day advance labor notice requirement at 49 CFR 1150.42(e). That request will be addressed in a separate decision. Unless the Board grants the waiver request, the earliest this transaction may be consummated will be December 7, 2009.

If the verified 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. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Stay petitions must be filed no later than 7 days before the exemption becomes effective.

Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law No. 110-161, § 193, 121 Stat. 1844 (2007), nothing in this decision authorizes the following activities at any solid waste rail transfer facility: collecting, storing, or transferring solid waste outside of its original shipping container; or separating or processing solid waste (including baling, crushing, compacting, and shredding). The term "solid waste" is defined in section 1004 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. 6903.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35308, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Rose-Michele Nardi, Esq., Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 19th Street, NW., Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1609.

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Kulunie L. Cannon,
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35035]

Adrian & Blissfield Rail Road Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Tecumseh Branch Connecting Railroad Company

Adrian & Blissfield Rail Road Company (ADBF), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from Tecumseh Branch Connecting Railroad Company (TCBY) and to operate, approximately 1.3 miles of rail line between milepost 44.2 and milepost 45.5, in the City of Adrian, Lenawee County, MI.

As a result of a transaction between ADBF and TCBY on November 19, 2001,

ADBF acquired the rail line as part of a corporate restructuring, but did not file its verified notice of exemption with the Board until October 9, 2009.¹ Thus, the effective date of the exemption is November 8, 2009 (30 days after the exemption is filed).²

ADBF certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction do not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III carrier and that its projected annual revenues will not exceed \$5 million.

According to ADBF, there is no provision or agreement that may limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law 110-161, § 193, 121 Stat. 1844 (2007), nothing in this decision authorizes the following activities at any solid waste rail transfer facility: collecting, storing or transferring solid waste outside of its original shipping container; or separating or processing solid waste (including baling, crushing, compacting and shredding). The term "solid waste" is defined in section 1004 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. 6903.

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. The filing of a petition to revoke does not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than November 2, 2009.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35035, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on John D. Heffner, 1750 K Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006.

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¹ ADBF states that eliminating TCBY as a rail carrier through this acquisition will enable ADBF's owners to restructure their railroad holdings by filing a class exemption notice for continuance in control of three other disconnected short line railroads they control. It appears that ADBF's owners presently are not authorized to have common control of more than one rail carrier. If that is the case, the Board expects the owners to promptly submit an appropriate filing for authorization for that common control.

² The class exemption invoked by ADBF does not provide for retroactive effectiveness.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Kulunie L. Cannon,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aircraft Noise Impacts Research Roadmap

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting participation.

SUMMARY: This notice advises interested persons that the FAA is conducting workshops to develop an aircraft noise impacts research roadmap. The roadmap is intended to advance our scientific knowledge in order to optimally address the impacts of aircraft noise on society. The main objective of the workshops is to outline key research elements of the roadmap, prioritize research questions, and identify ways to overcome potential research challenges.

DATES: The first workshop will be held in Washington, DC, on December 10 and 11, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A follow-on workshop will be held on March 4, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The first workshop will be held at the National Academy of Sciences Keck Center, 500 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC. The follow-on workshop will be held in conjunction with the University of California-Davis Symposium on Aviation Noise and Air Quality and will be held at the Holiday Inn-San Diego—On the Bay, 1355 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101. Attendance is open to all interested parties.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patricia Friesenhahn, Office of Environment and Energy (AEE-100), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; e-mail patricia.friesenhahn@faa.gov, telephone (202) 267-3562, facsimile (202) 267-5594. Please register by November 20; there is no registration fee. Additional details will soon be available at <http://www.fican.org> under FAA Workshop.

Background: Based on the advice of its Research, Engineering and Development Advisory Committee (REDAC), the FAA is developing a comprehensive aircraft noise impacts research roadmap for the FAA and other interested parties to implement more systematic, effective, and complementary research programs. The

FAA held a preliminary forum with international noise researchers in conjunction with Internoise 2009 in August 2009 to discuss research needed to advance the current understanding of the relationship between aircraft noise and its impacts such as community annoyance and sleep disturbance. The FAA now invites researchers, practitioners, and other interested parties to participate in a series of upcoming Aircraft Noise Impacts Research Roadmap workshops to contribute to developing the research roadmap with information received from that forum.

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Lourdes Q. Maurice,

Acting Director of Environment and Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA-2005-23112]

Motorcyclist Advisory Council to the Federal Highway Administration

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting of advisory committee.

SUMMARY: This document announces the seventh meeting of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council to the Federal Highway Administration (MAC-FHWA). The purpose of this meeting is to advise the Secretary of Transportation, through the Administrator of the FHWA, on infrastructure issues of concern to motorcyclists, including: (1) Barrier design; (2) road design, construction, and maintenance practices; and (3) the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies, pursuant to section 1914 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

DATES: The seventh meeting of the MAC-FHWA is scheduled for November 5, 2009, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The seventh MAC-FHWA meeting will be held at the Crystal City Marriott, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Griffith, the Designated Federal Official, Office of Safety, (202) 366-2288, mike.griffith@dot.gov, or Mr. Keith D. Williams, Office of Safety,