

Contact: Edward English (202) 493-6321.

◆ *Task 97-4* and *Task 97-5*—Defining Positive Train Control (PTC) functionalities, describing available technologies, evaluating costs and benefits of potential systems, and considering implementation opportunities and challenges, including demonstration and deployment. *Task 97-6*—Revising various regulations to address the safety implications of processor-based signal and train control technologies, including communications-based operating systems. These three tasks were accepted on September 30, 1997, and assigned to a single Working Group. A Data and Implementation Task Force was formed to address issues such as assessment of costs and benefits and technical readiness. A Standards Task Force was formed to develop PTC standards. The Working Group and task forces are actively meeting. Contact: Grady Cothen (202) 493-6302.

◆ *Task 97-7*—Determining damages qualifying an event as a reportable train accident. This Task was accepted on September 30, 1997. A working group has been formed to address this task.

Contact: Robert Finkelstein (202) 493-6280.

Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 11, 1996 (61 F.R. 9740) for more information about the RSAC.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on August 17, 1998.

S. Mark Lindsey,

Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Reebie Associates (WB654-4-8/7/98), for permission to use certain data from the Board's Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of the request may be obtained from the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for

release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.8.

Contact: James A. Nash, (202) 565-1542.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33638]

Pacific Harbor Line, Inc.—Operation Exemption—Port of Long Beach

Pacific Harbor Line, Inc. (PHL), a Class III rail carrier,¹ has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire operating rights from the City of Long Beach, a municipal corporation, acting through its Board of Harbor Commissioners (the City). PHL will acquire certain operating rights at or adjacent to the City's Port of Long Beach (POLB), on track owned by or leased by POLB.²

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after July 31, 1998.

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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33638, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Mark H. Sidman, Esq., Weiner, Brodsky, Sidman & Kider, P.C., 1350 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005-4797.

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Decided: August 13, 1998.

¹ PHL became a carrier pursuant to a notice of exemption in *Pacific Harbor Line, Inc.—Operation Exemption—Port of Los Angeles*, STB Finance Docket No. 33411 (STB served Dec. 2, 1997), when it acquired operating rights from the City of Los Angeles, a municipal corporation, acting through its Board of Harbor Commissioners (LA), to provide switching services on track owned by LA's Port of Los Angeles.

² Pursuant to the terms of an operating agreement, PHL's operating rights will be for a term of ten years, subject to extension, modification, and earlier termination.

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 Finance Docket No. 33607]

David W. Wulfson, Gary E. Wulfson, Lisa A. Cota, Richard C. Szuch, and Peter A. Szuch—Control Exemption—Clarendon & Pittsford Railroad Company, Green Mountain Railroad Corporation, and Vermont Railway, 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 petitioners David W. Wulfson, Gary E. Wulfson, Lisa W. Cota, Richard C. Szuch, and Peter A. Szuch to acquire direct control of Vermont Railway, Inc., and Clarendon & Pittsford Railroad Company, and indirect control of Green Mountain Railroad Corporation (GMRC), through their stock ownership of NLR Company, a noncarrier that controls GMRC.

DATES: This exemption will be effective September 19, 1998. Petitions to stay must be filed by August 31, 1998, and petitions to reopen must be filed by September 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of pleadings referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33607 to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of pleadings to petitioners' representative: Andrew P. Goldstein, Suite 1105, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

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: DC News & Data, Inc., 1925 K Street, NW, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 289-4357. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD Services (202) 565-1695.]

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Decided: August 10, 1998.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Commission to Study Capital Budgeting

AGENCY: Commission to Study Capital Budgeting, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The agenda for the next meeting on Saturday, September 19, 1998, of the Commission to Study Capital Budgeting includes the review and discussion of the first draft of its final report. The final report on capital budgeting is due on December 13, 1998. Meetings are open to the public. Limited seating capacity is available.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT

COMMISSION MEETING: September 19, 1998, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; White House Conference Center, Truman Room, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

The Commission is seeking all views on capital budgeting. Interested parties may submit their views to: Dick Emery, Executive Director, President's Commission to Study Capital Budgeting, Old Executive Office Building (Room 258), Washington, DC 20503, Voice: (202) 395-4630, Fax: (202) 395-6170, E-Mail: capital_budget@omb.eop.gov, Website: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/OMB/PCSCB/>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E. William Dinkelacker, Ph.D., Designated Federal Official, Room 4456 Main Treasury, Washington, DC 20220, Voice: (202) 622-1285, Fax: (202) 622-1294, E-Mail:

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Angel E. Ray,

Committee Management Officer.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Administrative Services to the College and University Affiliations Program (CUAP)

ACTION: Request for Proposals.

SUMMARY: The Office of Academic Programs' Specialized Programs Branch of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and

Cultural Affairs announces an open competition to assist in the administration of the Fiscal Year 1999 College and University Affiliations Program (CUAP) competition. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c) may apply to assist in the administration of the technical and academic review of approximately 50 to 75 proposals for the Fiscal Year 1999 College and University Affiliations Program competition (E/ASU-99-02).

The CUAP supports partnerships between U.S. and foreign institutions of higher education in specified fields and themes within the humanities, law, business, and the social or environmental sciences.

Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries * * *; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations * * * and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world." The funding authority for the program cited above is provided through the Fulbright-Hays Act.

Projects must conform with Agency requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package. USIA projects are subject to the availability of funds.

Announcement Title and Number: All communications with USIA concerning this RFP should refer to the announcement's title and reference number, E/ASU-99-03.

Deadline for Proposals: All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 P.M. Washington, D.C. time on Tuesday, October 13, 1998. Faxed application documents will not be accepted.

Documents postmarked by the due date but received at a later date will not be accepted. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure compliance with the deadline.

Approximate Program Dates: Grant should begin on or about December 1, 1998 and end approximately five months later.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

The Specialized Programs Branch (E/ASU), Room 349, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547, phone: (202) 619-5289, fax: (202) 401-1433. Send a message via Internet to: affiliat@usia.gov to request a Solicitation Package containing more detailed award criteria. Please request required application forms, and standard guidelines for preparing proposals, including specific criteria for preparation of the proposal budget.

To Download a Solicitation Package Via Internet: The entire Solicitation Package may be downloaded from USIA's website at <http://www.usia.gov/education/rfps>. Please read all information before downloading.

To Receive a Solicitation Package Via Fax on Demand: The entire Solicitation Package may be received via the Bureau's "Grants Information Fax on Demand System", which is accessed by calling 202-401-7616. Please request a "Catalog" of available documents and order numbers when first entering the system.

Please specify USIA Specialized Programs Branch Chief Paul Hiemstra on all inquiries and correspondence. Interested applicants should read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFP deadline has passed, Agency staff may not discuss this competition in any way with applicants until the Bureau proposal review process has been completed.

Submissions: Applicants must follow all instructions given in the Solicitation Package. The original and 7 copies of the application should be sent to: U.S. Information Agency, Ref.: E/ASU-99-03, Office of Grants Management, E/XE, Room 326, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547.

Diversity, Freedom and Democracy Guidelines: Pursuant to the Bureau's authorizing legislation, projects must maintain a non-political character and should be balanced and representative of the diversity of American political, social, and cultural life. "Diversity" should be interpreted in the broadest sense and encompass differences including, but not limited to ethnicity, race, gender, religion, geographic location, socio-economic status, and physical challenges. Applicants are strongly encouraged to adhere to the advancement of this principle both in program administration and in program content. Please refer to the review criteria under the "Support for Diversity" section for specific suggestions on incorporating diversity into the total proposal. Public Law 104-