

position paper (with resource references) on a national strategy on prevention of angler and hunter drowning fatalities involving use of small boats. This research is to include canvassing national small boat, angler and hunter organizations. The result will be a recommendation for a nationally focused outreach campaign targeted to this audience. Point of Contact: CWO2 Tim Duff, 202-267-1263.

16. Education Course Testing in Remote Areas When Proctoring is Required. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee for a research project to determine the nature and types of educational programs that currently utilize remote testing when proctoring is required. Preliminary evidence suggests that there are examples in other disciplines that could illuminate methodologies, systems, and technologies that could be emulated in the area of boating safety education and testing. Point of Contact: Ms. Tami Levitas, 202-267-0848.

17. Boating Safety Futures Forum. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to plan and conduct a national forum on the future of recreational boating and boating safety in the new millennium. The audience for the boating futures forum would include top-level leaders of industry, nonprofit organizations, and federal, state and local boating agencies for a strategic information sharing and planning conference to guide the development of recreational boating and boating safety priorities in the new century. The forum would include targeted sessions on demographic changes impacting recreational boating, the identification of trends in marine technology, exploration of resource needs and sources, and social, environmental and economic conditions that will be brought to bear on the recreational boating industry and the regulatory community. Point of Contact: Ms. Audrey Pickup, 202-267-0872.

18. Recreational Boating Electronic Accident Reporting System. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to develop an electronic means for the public to submit recreational boating accident reports. Point of Contact: Mr. Phil Cappel, 202-267-0988.

19. National Boating Survey. The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to conduct a comprehensive national boating survey. This survey would update information collected in prior surveys. The purpose of these surveys was to obtain statistical estimates of recreational boats, boating households, boaters, boating exposures, practices, and activities. The best way to assess a boater's risk on the water, as well as the

effectiveness of boating safety program activities in minimizing that risk, is to quantify exposure factors * * * who is boating, in what types of boats, where, how often, how long, doing what activities, etc., and relate those factors to accident data. The nationwide boating survey is to be of sufficient sample size to provide various exposures data by State. Point of Contact: Mr. Bruce Schmidt, 202-267-0955.

20. Information Resources Management: Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Exposure Data Capture Project: The Coast Guard seeks a grantee to complete a comprehensive RBS Exposure Data Capture Project to identify organizations who routinely collect recreational boating exposure data measured in passenger hours. The grantee will use the results from a prior grant project which identified exposure data elements and their sources. The objectives of the project are twofold. The first objective is to create a national database of all sources who routinely collect recreational boating exposure data on a continuous basis. The database will contain all exposure data elements and their attributes to include: participant demographics, the locality, type and duration of boating activity, the frequency and methodology of data collection, data storage formats, and information that provides access to the data.

The second objective is to determine the feasibility of collating and using data from the identified sources to develop valid national estimates of recreational boating exposure. Point of Contact: Mr. Bruce Schmidt, 202-267-0955.

One area potential grantees should focus on is PARTNERSHIP. Explore other sources, linkages, in-kind contributions, cost sharing, and partnering with other organizations or corporations. A more detailed discussion of specific projects of interest to the Coast Guard may be obtained by contacting the Coast Guard Infoline at 800-368-5467 and requesting a copy of a specific proposal.

Proposals addressing other boating safety concerns are encouraged. The Boating Safety Financial Assistance Program is listed in section 20.005 of the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

Dated: September 30, 1998.

Ernest R. Riutta,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Rotorcraft Draft Advisory Material

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft rotorcraft advisory material.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of availability of draft Advisory Circular (AC) material, which provides guidance as to an acceptable means of accomplishing the requirements of a proposed rule on the subject of requirements for a critical parts plan for normal and transport category rotorcraft.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Jones, Rotorcraft Standards Staff, FAA, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Fort Worth, TX 76193-0110; telephone (817) 222-5961, fax (817) 222-5961.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces the availability of draft AC material. The FAA tasked the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to develop rulemaking and policy material for normal and transport category rotorcraft. The ARAC process is a means for the public to participate in the drafting of rules and advisory material. The FAA review of the ARAC Working Group's material resulted in the FAA proposing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) and AC material. Consequently, NPRM No. 98-10, "Harmonization of Critical Parts Rotorcraft Regulations," was published in the **Federal Register** on August 24, 1998 (63 FR 45130). The accompanying AC material is available and will be published in a future revision to AC 27-1A and AC 29-2B (Certification of Normal Category Rotorcraft and Certification of Transport Category Rotorcraft, respectively).

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on September 24, 1998.

Henry A. Armstrong,

Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA; Special Committee 189/ EUROCAE Working Group 53; Air Traffic Services Safety and Interoperability Requirements

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice

is hereby given for a joint Special Committee (SC)-189/EUROCAE Working Group (WG)-53 meeting to be held October 26-30, 1998, starting at 9:00 a.m. on October 26. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036 (Metro stops Farragut West and Farragut North).

The agenda will be as follows:
Monday, October 26: Opening Plenary Session Convened at 9:00 a.m.: (1) Introductory Remarks; (2) Review and Approval of the Agenda (Monday); (3) Review and Approval of Summary of the Previous Meeting; (4) Sub-Group and Related Reports; (5) Position Papers Planned for Plenary Agreement; (6) SC-189/WG-52 Co-chair Progress Report. Tuesday, October 27-Thursday, October 29: (7) Sub-group Meetings (Sub-group 1, Interoperability Requirements; Sub-group 2, Safety Requirements; Sub-group 3, Performance Requirements). Friday, October 30: Closing Plenary Session: (8) Introductory Remarks; (9) Review and Approval of Agenda (Friday); (10) Review of Preliminary Meeting Minutes; (11) Sub-group and Related Reports; (12) Position Papers Planned for Plenary Agreement; (13) SC-189/WG-53 Co-chair Progress Report and Wrap-up.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036, by phone at (202) 833-9339, by fax at (202) 833-9434, or by e-mail at hmoses@rtca.org. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 30, 1998.

Jane P. Caldwell,
Designated Official.

SIXTH JOINT MEETING

RTCA Special Committee-189/EUROCAE Working Group-53 Air Traffic Service (ATS) Safety and Interoperability Requirements

DATE: October 26-30, 1998.

TIME: 9:00 am—Start time.

PLACE: RTCA, Inc., 1140 Connecticut Ave, NW, Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036, Metro Stops: Faragut West, Faragut North, Tel: 202-833-9339, Fax: 202-833-9434, e-mail: hmoses@rtca.org

Agenda

1. Plenary Session, Monday
 - 1.1 Introductory remarks
 - 1.2 Review and approval of agenda (Monday)

- 1.3 Review and approval of meeting minutes
- 1.4 Sub-group (SG) and related reports
- 1.5 Position papers planned for plenary agreement
- 1.6 SC-189/WG-53 co-chair progress report
- Sub Group Meetings (Tuesday through Thursday)*
 - Sub Group 1—Interoperability Requirements
 - Sub Group 2—Safety Requirements
 - Sub Group 3—Performance Requirements
2. *Plenary Session, Friday*
 - 2.1 Introductory remarks
 - 2.2 Review and approval of agenda (Friday)
 - 2.3 Review of preliminary meeting minutes
 - 2.4 Sub-group (SG) and related reports
 - 2.5 Position papers planned for plenary agreement
 - 2.6 SC-189/WG-53 co-chair progress report and wrap-up

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33662]

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Omaha Public Power District

Omaha Public Power District (OPPD), a noncarrier, has agreed to grant local trackage rights to The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) over OPPD's rail line,¹ between milepost 56.3 in Collegeview and milepost 6.0 in Arbor, a distance of approximately 50.3 miles in Otoe and Lancaster Counties, NE.²

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after October 1, 1998.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to permit BNSF using its own trains and crews to use OPPD's line through the end of the calendar year, at which time Kyle Railroad Company will assume operations over the line.³

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage

¹ See *Omaha Public Power District—Acquisition—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 33447 (STB served Sept. 12, 1997).

² On September 28, 1998, BNSF filed a petition for exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 33662 (Sub-No. 1), *The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Omaha Public Power District*, wherein BNSF requests that the Board permit the proposed local trackage rights arrangement described in the present proceeding to expire on December 31, 1998. That petition will be addressed by the Board in a separate decision.

³ See *Kyle Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation—Omaha Public Power District*, STB Finance Docket No. 33642 (STB served Aug. 25, 1998).

rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33662, 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, one copy of each pleading must be served on Sarah Whitley Bailiff, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, 3017 Lou Menk Drive, P.O. Box 961039, Fort Worth, TX 76161-0039.

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

Decided: September 30, 1998.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

CUSTOMS SERVICE

Performance Review Board—Appointment of Members

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the appointment of the members of the United States Customs Service Performance Review Boards (PRB's) in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4313(c)(4). The purpose of the PRB's is to review senior executives' performance appraisals and to make recommendations regarding performance appraisals and performance awards.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert M. Smith, Personnel Director, Office of Human Resources Management, United States Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 2.4-A, Washington, D.C. 20229; Telephone (202) 927-2900.