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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice No. 3080]

**Shipping Coordinating Committee, Subcommittee for the Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic; Notice of Meeting**

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, August 18, 1999, in room 6319 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. The purpose of the meeting is to finalize preparations for the 27th session of the Facilitation Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), which is scheduled for 6-10 September, 1999, at the IMO Headquarters in London. Discussions will focus on papers received and draft U.S. positions.

Among other things, the items of particular interest are:

- Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic
- Consideration and Adoption of Proposed Amendments to the Annex to the Convention
- EDI Messages for the Clearance of Ships
- Application of the Committee's Guidelines
- General Review of the Convention
- Formalities Connected with the Arrival, Stay and Departure of Ships
- Formalities Related to Cargo—Facilitation Aspects of the Multimodal Transport of Dangerous Goods
- Formalities Connected with the Arrival, Stay and Departure of Persons—Stowaways

- Facilitation Aspects of Other IMO Forms and Certificates—Harmonized Reporting Format
- Ship-Port Interface
- Technical Co-Operation Sub-Programme for Facilitation

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Chief, Office of Standards Evaluation and Development, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-MSR), Room 1400, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling Mr. David A. Du Pont at: (202) 267-0971.

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**Stephen M. Miller,**

*Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice No. 3081]

**Shipping Coordinating Committee, Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea, Working Group on Safety of Navigation; Notice of Meeting**

The Working Group on Safety of Navigation of the Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 AM on Thursday, August 12, 1999, in room 6103 U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC.

The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 45th session of the Subcommittee on Safety of Navigation (NAV) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which is scheduled for September 20-24, 1999, at the IMO Headquarters in London.

Items of principal interest on the agenda are:

- Routing of ships, ship reporting, and related matters
  - Amendments to the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS)
  - Revision of SOLAS chapter V
  - Ergonomic criteria for bridge equipment and layout
  - Navigational aids and related matters
  - International Telecommunication Union (ITU) matters including Radiocommunication ITU-R Study Group 8
  - Training and certification of maritime pilots and revision of resolution A.485(XII)
  - Safety of passenger submersible craft
- Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating

capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Edward J. LaRue, Jr., U.S. Coast Guard (G-MOV-3), Room 1407, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling: (202) 267-0416.

Dated: July 14, 1999.

**Stephen M. Miller,**

*Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

**Safety Performance Standards Program Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of NHTSA Rulemaking Status Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will answer questions from the public and the automobile industry regarding the agency's vehicle regulatory program. **DATES:** The Agency's regular, quarterly public meeting relating to its vehicle regulatory program will be held on Thursday, September 16, 1999, beginning at 9:45 a.m. and ending at approximately 12:00 p.m., at the Tysons Westpark Hotel, McLean, VA. Questions relating to the vehicle regulatory program must be submitted in writing with a diskette (Wordperfect) by Thursday, August 19, 1999, to the address shown below or by e-mail. If sufficient time is available, questions received after August 19 may be answered at the meeting. The individual, group or company submitting a question(s) does not have to be present for the question(s) to be answered. A consolidated list of the questions submitted by August 19, 1999, and the issues to be discussed, will be posted on NHTSA's web site ([www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov)) by Monday, September 13, 1999, and also will be available at the meeting. The regulatory program meeting will take place on Thursday, December 16, 1999 at the Clarion Hotel, Romulus, MI.

**ADDRESSES:** Questions for the September 16, NHTSA Rulemaking Status Meeting, relating to the agency's vehicle regulatory program, should be submitted to Delia Lopez, NPS-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC

20590, Fax Number 202-366-4329, e-mail [dlopez@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:dlopez@nhtsa.dot.gov). The meeting will be held at the Tysons Westpark Hotel, 8401 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Delia Lopez, (202) 366-1810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NHTSA holds a regular, quarterly meeting to answer questions from the public and the regulated industries regarding the agency's vehicle regulatory program. Questions on aspects of the agency's research and development activities that relate directly to ongoing regulatory actions should be submitted, as in the past, to the agency's Safety Performance Standards Office. The purpose of this meeting is to focus on those phases of NHTSA activities which are technical, interpretative or procedural in nature. Transcripts of these meetings will be available for public inspection in the DOT Docket in Washington, DC, within four weeks after the meeting. Copies of the transcripts will then be available at ten cents a page, (length has varied from 80 to 150 pages) upon request to DOT Docket, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The DOT Docket is open to the public room 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The transcript may be also accessed electronically at <http://dms.dot.gov> at docket NHTSA-1999-5087. Questions to be answered at the quarterly meeting should be organized by categories to help us process the questions into an agenda form more efficiently. Sample format:

- I. Rulemaking
  - A. Crash avoidance
  - B. Crashworthiness
  - C. Other Rulemakings
- II. Consumer Information
- III. Miscellaneous

NHTSA will provide auxiliary aids to participants as necessary. Any person desiring assistance of "auxiliary aids" (e.g., sign-language interpreter, telecommunications devices for deaf persons (TDDs), readers, taped texts, brailled materials, or large print materials and/or a magnifying device), please contact Delia Lopez on (202) 366-1810, by COB September 13, 1999.

Issued: July 15, 1999.

**L. Robert Shelton,**

*Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 33781]

**The Indiana & Ohio Rail Passenger Corp.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Indiana & Ohio Rail Corp. and The Central Railroad Company of Indiana**

Indiana & Ohio Rail Corp. (I&O) and The Central Railroad Company of Indiana (CIND) have agreed to grant local trackage rights<sup>1</sup> to The Indiana & Ohio Rail Passenger Corp. (IORP) for the operation of rail passenger service from Cincinnati, OH, at M.P. 0.0, to M.P. 81.0, near Shelbyville, IN, a distance of 81.0 miles. This transaction is expected to be consummated on or after July 23, 1999.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to permit IORP to conduct rail passenger operations over the lines of CIND and I&O.

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.

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33781, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Robert L. Calhoun, Esq., Redmon, Boykin & Braswell, L.L.P. 510 King Street, Suite 301, Alexandria, VA 22314.

<sup>1</sup>The trackage rights agreement filed in STB Finance Docket No. 33781 is a confirmation of and an amendment to an earlier trackage rights agreement, dated June 4, 1996, between the IORP and certain other Class III carriers. See *The Indiana & Ohio Rail Passenger Corporation—Acquisition by Trackage Rights and Operation Exemption—Cincinnati Terminal Railway Corp., Indiana and Ohio Railroad Company, Indiana & Ohio Railway Company, Inc., and Indiana & Ohio Central Railroad Company, Inc.*, STB Finance Docket No. 32976 (STB served June 21, 1996).

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Decided: July 13, 1999.

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. 33778]

**Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—New York Central Lines, LLC and CSX Transportation, Inc.<sup>1</sup>**

New York Central Lines, LLC (NYC), as owner, and CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), as operator, have agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company (L&I) as follows: (1) Approximately 5.5 miles over NYC main line, former Consolidated Rail Corporation (CRC) Louisville Secondary, (a) from the connection between NYC and L&I milepost 4.0 +/- at Indianapolis, IN, and the connection in the southeast quadrant of the former Indianapolis Union Belt running track (former Indiana Union Belt Railroad) milepost 6.0 +/- known as Dale, a distance of approximately 2.7 miles; and (b) from this connection in the southeast quadrant of running track in the vicinity of the former Indianapolis Union Belt Railroad milepost 6.0 +/- and the entrance to Hawthorne Yard at or near milepost 8.8 +/-, a distance of approximately 2.8 miles; and (2) approximately 7.8 miles over NYC main line, former CRC Louisville Secondary, (a) from the connection between NYC

<sup>1</sup>By decision served July 23, 1998, the Board approved, subject to certain conditions, the acquisition of control of Conrail, and the division of the assets thereof, by CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc. (referred to collectively as CSX) and Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (referred to collectively as NS). See *CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc., Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Control and Operating Leases/Agreements—Conrail Inc. and Consolidated Rail Corporation*, STB Finance Docket No. 33388, Decision No. 89 (STB served July 23, 1998). Acquisition of control of Conrail was effected by CSX and NS on August 22, 1998. The division of the assets of Conrail was effected by CSX and NS on June 1, 1999. See *CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc., Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Control and Operating Leases/Agreements—Conrail Inc. and Consolidated Rail Corporation*, STB Finance Docket No. 33388, Decision No. 127 (STB served May 20, 1999).