

includes environmental review or construction and where the project is not on a corridor identified by section 1105(c) of the ISTEA, as amended (for other NCPD applications this item is optional);

19b. Corridor plan, separate from the rest of the application, for those applications for the NCPD program where the work to be funded includes environmental review or construction.

20. Performance measures in support of the FHWA Strategic Plan; and

21. Summary sheet covering basic project information (see below).

Format for Summary Sheet— Application for NCPD or CBI Discretionary Funds

Grantee: List full name of agency.

U.S. Representative/Senator(s): List full names.

Governor/Mayor(s): List full names.

Project: Short name and brief description of project (e.g., This project provides for widening by one lane in each direction of * * * extending from * * * in the vicinity of * * * to * * * in the vicinity of * * * a distance of * * *. This improvement will serve * * * and * * * will result in major safety/time savings * * * to * * *).

FHWA Funds Requested: Exclude non-Federal share.

Other Funds Committed: Specify source and amounts.

Other Support: List agencies providing substantive assistance.

Other Important Information: (e.g., improved access to Indian Reservation, expected improvement to local economy, specify phase of project or corridor development, specify on going projects that will be coordinated with this one, identify environmental features, construction scheduling—all if appropriate).

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; secs. 1118 and 1119, Pub. L. 105-178, 112 Stat. 107, at 161 (1998); and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: August 24, 1999.

Anthony R. Kane,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-1999-6171]

Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Vessels; Notice of Application for Approval Under Section 9 Of the Shipping Act, 1916, as Amended, to Transfer Registry of the U.S.-Flag LNG Vessels LNG: Aquarius, Aries, Capricorn, Gemini, Leo, Libra, Virgo, and Taurus to the Marshall Islands

Wilmington Trust Company and United States Trust Company of New York, as Owner Trustees, Hull Fifty Corporation, Patriot I Shipping Corp., Patriot II Shipping Corp., and Patriot IV Shipping Corp. by applications submitted January 20 and August 20, 1999, request the approval required by Section 9 of the Shipping Act, 1916, as amended (Act), of the transfer to foreign registry of the LNG *Aquarius*, LNG *Aries*, LNG *Capricorn*, LNG *Taurus*, LNG *Libra*, LNG *Gemini*, LNG *Leo*, and LNG *Virgo* (Vessels). The Vessels, delivered between 1977 and 1979 in Quincy, Massachusetts, are 71,466 DWT liquefied natural gas carriers. The Vessels have been engaged in the carriage of LNG for Pertamina, the Indonesian State oil company, from Indonesia to Japan since their delivery, and it is expected that they will continue to operate exclusively between foreign ports in the future. The proposed transfer of registry to the Marshall Islands does not include any change in ownership of the Vessels.

Any person, firm, or corporation having any interest in these applications for approval of the reflagging of the Vessels, and who desires to submit comments concerning the applications, should refer to the docket number that appears on this notice and submit their comments in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Nassif Building, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. Comments must be received no later than 5 P.M. Eastern Time September 14, 1999.

This notice is published as a matter of discretion. The Maritime Administrator will consider any comments submitted and take such action with respect thereto as may be deemed appropriate.

The application and all comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 A.M. and 5 P.M., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document

is available at the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: August 26, 1999.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-99-6157]

Pipeline Safety: Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Oil Pollution Act Facility Response Plans

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Availability of the environmental assessment for the Office of Pipeline Safety's Response Plan Review and Exercise Program.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations and Department of Transportation policy, the Research and Special Programs Administration announces the availability of an Environmental Assessment for the Office of Pipeline Safety's (OPS) Response Plan Review and Exercise Program. The Environmental Assessment examines the effects of the program on the environment and on pipeline operators' ability to respond to oil spills affecting waters of the United States. The Research and Special Programs Administration is soliciting comments on this Environmental Assessment. These comments will be considered in evaluating it and in making decisions pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

ADDRESSES: Comments on the Environmental Assessment should be submitted to: Jim Taylor, Response Plans Officer, US Department of Transportation, Research and Special Programs Administration, Office of Pipeline Safety, Room 7128, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 or email jim.taylor@rspa.dot.gov. A limited number of copies of the Environmental Assessment are available on request. Public reading copies of the Environmental Assessment will be available at the Department of Transportation Docket Center, Room PL-401, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington DC, 20590. The Dockets Facility is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

DATES: The Environmental Assessment will remain available for public comment through September 29, 1999. Written comments should be received no later than September 29, 1999. Late comments will be considered so far as practicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons with questions about the Environmental Assessment may contact Jim Taylor at (202) 366-8860 or email jim.taylor@rspa.dot.gov. Persons with questions about viewing the Environmental Assessment in the DOT Docket Center may contact Dorothy Walker at (202) 366-9329 or email dorothy.walker@tasc.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1990, the United States Congress passed Public Law 101-380, the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), to improve the nation's ability to respond to, and limit the economic and environmental impact from, marine spills of oil and other pollutants. Section 4202 of the OPA modifies the planning and response system created under the authority of Section 311(j) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (also known as the Clean Water Act). OPA required response plans for vessels and facilities that produce, store, transport, refine, and market oil.

Just as oil tankers are required to submit oil spill response plans to the Coast Guard and refineries are required to submit such plans to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), oil pipelines are required to submit their facility response plans (FRP) to OPS for review and approval. To date, more than 1300 facility response plans have been submitted to OPS. They represent some 200 oil pipeline operators, and lines that vary from 3-inch gathering systems to 36-inch product lines to the 48-inch Trans-Alaska Pipeline System. OPS conducts a thorough review of the plans, with particular emphasis on the adequacy of the pipeline operator's response resources, incident command system, and ability to protect environmentally sensitive areas from harm. OPS also makes sure that pipeline operators' plans are consistent with both the National Contingency Plan and the local Area Contingency Plan, which are developed by the Coast Guard and EPA.

In addition to reviewing operators' plans, OPS conducts exercises to test pipeline operators' ability to implement their facility response plans. To date, OPS has conducted sixty-nine Tabletop Exercises, scenario-driven discussions in which operators explain how they would implement their plans to respond to a worst-case spill. OPS has also

conducted nine full-scale Area Exercises with pipeline operators in which they deploy people and equipment to the field in response to a simulated spill. In both Tabletop and Area Exercises, OPS makes every effort to have other Federal, State, and local environmental and emergency response agencies participate. Their participation makes exercises more realistic, and builds relationships between industry and public sector responders that make the response to real spills go more smoothly.

The Environmental Assessment concisely describes OPS's recent review of the effectiveness of its Response Plan Review and Exercise Program, its proposed action to continue implementation of the current program, the alternative programmatic approaches considered, the environment affected by this action, the consequences to the environment of the alternatives considered, and a list of the agencies and organizations consulted.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 24, 1999.

Richard B. Felder,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33785]

Utah Railway Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Lines of Utah Transit Authority in Salt Lake City, UT

The Utah Railway Company (URC), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41, *et seq.* to acquire rights to operate over approximately 25 miles of rail line from milepost 775.19 at the Salt Lake County/Utah County boundary line to milepost 798.74 at Ninth South Street in Salt Lake City, including the 1.4-mile Lovendahl Spur. URC filed a supplement to the notice on August 9, 1999.

The notice recites that URC is acquiring "certain rights of Salt Lake City Southern Railroad Company, Inc. (SLCS) to operate over certain rail lines owned by Utah Transit Authority (UTA)." While UTA owns the underlying real property, it does not possess an ownership interest in a railroad right-of-way as such ownership is understood by this agency. If it did, UTA would have had to obtain authority from this agency for such an

acquisition. UTA holds no such authority. Rather, SLCS owns the right-of-way, having acquired a permanent easement from the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

The notice recites that URC may consummate the transaction on September 30, 1999, 60 days after notice of the proposed transaction was posted at the workplace of the employees on the affected line. The regulations at 49 CFR 1150.42(e) provide, however, that the transaction not be consummated until 60 days after certification to the Board that the notice has been posted. Because this agency did not receive the certification until August 9, 1999, the transaction may not be consummated until October 8, 1999 at the earliest. In STB Docket No. AB-520, Salt Lake City Southern Railroad Company, Inc.—Adverse Abandonment—Line Of Utah Transit Authority in Salt Lake County, Utah, UTA has filed an adverse abandonment application against SLCS. UTC states that it will consummate the transaction in this proceeding after the Board authorizes SLCS's abandonment.

If this 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 transaction. An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33785, 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, a copy of each pleading must be served on Theodore A. McConnell, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, 1500 Oliver Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

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

Decided: August 24, 1999.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the membership to the Department Offices' Performance Review Board (PRB) and