

Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) 5 U.S.C. app. 2, when it provides advice or recommendations to DOT officials on ITS policies and programs. (56 FR 9400, March 6, 1991).

DATES: The Board of Directors of ITS America will meet on Tuesday, July 31, 2001 from 1 p.m.–5 p.m. Room TBA.

ADDRESSES: Resort Semiahmoo, 9565 Semiahmoo Parkway, Blaine, Washington 98230–9326. Phone: (800) 770–7992 or (360) 318–2000. Web address: www.semiahmoo.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Materials associated with this meeting may be examined at the offices of ITS America, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW, Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20024. Persons needing further information or who request to speak at this meeting should contact Debbie M. Busch at ITS America by telephone at (202) 484–2904 or by FAX at (202) 484–3483. The DOT contact is Kristy Frizzell, FHWA, HOIT, Washington, D.C. 20590, (202) 366–9536. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays. (23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48)

Issued on: July 3, 2001.

Jeffrey Paniati,

Program Manager, ITS Joint Program Office, Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Trinity Industries Incorporated
(Docket Number FRA–2001–9486)

The Trinity Industries, Inc. (TII) has petitioned FRA for a permanent waiver of compliance for a new design 100 Ton Seven Unit Articulated Intermodal Ramp Car (Ramp Car) from the requirements provided in title 49 CFR, 231.18, Cars of Special Construction, which states: "Cars of construction not covered specifically in the foregoing sections in this part, relative to handholds, sill steps, ladders, hand

brakes and running boards may be considered as of special construction, but shall have, as nearly as possible, the same complement of handholds, sill steps, ladders, hand brakes, and running boards as are required for cars of the nearest approximate type."

The nearest approximate type of car for this new design Ramp Car is a flat car, as described in 49 CFR, 231.6, Flat Cars. Specifically, TII is seeking relief of four (4) requirements described below:

Hand Brake Locations, 49 CFR 231.6 (a)(3)(ii) requires that "The Brake shaft shall be located on the end of car to the left of center, or on side of car not more than 36 inches from right-hand end thereof." TII stated that it cannot meet this requirement because two brakes are required to restrain the car, but because of the ramp location at the "A" end of the car, a handbrake cannot be located within the required 36 inches from the end of the car. Also, during operation of the ramp for loading and unloading of the car, it will be necessary to apply and release the handbrakes. Accordingly the handbrakes are located as close as possible to the ramp and on the "B" end of the "G" and "F" units;

Sill Step Location, 49 CFR, 231.1(d)(3)(i) requires that "One near each end of each side of car, so that there shall be not more than 18 inches from end of car to center of tread of sill step." TII stated that the sill step is located three (3) feet and four (4) inches, or 40 inches from the end of car. The sill step is essentially cut-out from the side sill. The sill step has a minimum of clearance of two (2) inches. TII stated that the "A" end sill steps cannot meet the requirement due to the integral ramp. The sill step is 12 inches wide with an anti-skid surface, and a clear depth of eight (8) inches. A toe guard is also provided.

Side Handholds, 49 CFR 231.6(c)(3)(i) requires that "Horizontal, one on face of each side sill near each end. Clearance of outer end of handhold shall be not more than 12 inches from end of car." TII stated that the handhold is vertical and is located three (3) feet and four (4) inches or 40 inches, from the "A" end of the car. The end sill steps cannot meet the requirement due to the integral ramp.

End Handholds, 49 CFR 231.6(d)(3)(i) requires that "Horizontal, one near each side of each end of car on face of end sill. Clearance of outer end of handhold shall be not more than 16 inches from side of car." TII stated that because the ramp is an integral part of the Ramp Car, there is no end sill. Hence a handhold cannot be positioned in a horizontal orientation. Instead, TII proposes four (4) vertical handholds located on both

side guards of the two ramps and are used only when the ramps are in the up position.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Docket Number FRA–2001–9486) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL–401, Washington, D.C., 20590–0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on July 5, 2001.

Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB–55 (Sub-No. 592X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Clark County, IN

On June 21, 2001, CSX Transportation Inc., (CSXT), filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a segment of its Midwest Region railroad line, known as the Louisville Division, Louisville Terminal/Hoosier Subdivision, extending between milepost B–1.3, near Watson, and milepost B–6.7, near Jeffersonville, a distance of approximately 5.4 miles, in Clark County, IN. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 47130 and includes no stations.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in CSXT's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by October 9, 2001.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,000 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of 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 July 31, 2001. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 592X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Natalie S. Rosenberg, 500 Water Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Replies to the CSXT petition are due on or before July 31, 2001.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 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) 565-1545. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available 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 will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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

Decided: June 29, 2001.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The OCC is soliciting comment concerning its information collection titled, "Transfer Agent Registration and Amendment Form—Form TA-1." The OCC also gives notice that it has sent the information collection to OMB for review and approval.

DATES: You should submit your comments to the OCC and the OMB Desk Officer by August 10, 2001.

ADDRESSES: You should direct your comments to:

Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Public Information Room, Mailstop 1-5, Attention: 1557-0124, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (202) 874-4448, or by electronic mail to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. You can inspect and photocopy the comments at the OCC's Public Information Room, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219. You can make an appointment to inspect the comments by calling (202) 874-5043.

Alexander T. Hunt, OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You can request additional information or a copy of the collection from Jessie

Dunaway, OCC Clearance Officer, or Camille Dixon, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OCC is proposing to extend OMB approval of the following information collection:

Title: Transfer Agent Registration and Amendment Form—Form TA-1.

OMB Number: 1557-0124.

Description: Section 17A(c) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act), as amended by the Securities Act Amendments of 1975, provides that all those authorized to transfer securities registered under Section 12 of the Act (transfer agents) shall register by filing with the appropriate regulatory agency an application for registration in such form and containing such information and documents as such appropriate regulatory agency may prescribe to be necessary or appropriate, in furtherance of the purposes of this section. Form TA-1 was developed by the OCC, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve to satisfy this statutory requirement. National bank transfer agents use Form TA-1 to register or amend registration as transfer agents. The OCC uses the information to determine whether to allow, deny, accelerate, or postpone an application. An amendment to Form TA-1 must be filed with the OCC within sixty calendar days following the date on which any information reported on Form TA-1 becomes inaccurate, misleading or incomplete. The OCC also uses the data to more effectively schedule and plan transfer agent examinations. Amendments to Form TA-1 are used by the OCC to schedule and plan examinations. The Securities and Exchange Commission maintains complete files on the registration data of all transfer agents registered, pursuant to the Act. It utilizes the data to identify transfer agents and to facilitate development of rules and standards applicable to all registered transfer agents.

Type of Review: Extension, without change, of OMB approval.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit (national banks).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 50.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1.5 hour (Form); 15 minutes (Amendment).

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 25 hours.