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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 200: Integrated Modular Avionics (IMA)/ EUROCAE WG-60

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 200 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 200: Integrated Modular Avionics.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 20-23, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036-5133.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: (1) RTCS Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036-5133; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 Special Committee 200 meeting. The agenda will include:

- July 20:
 - Editorial Team Meeting
 - Subgroups meet in working sessions
- July 21:
 - Opening Session (Welcome, Introductory and Administrative Remarks, Review Agenda Summary of Previous Meeting)
 - Review Action Items
 - Reports on Related Committees Activities
 - Review and Approve Subgroup Activities
 - Review Status of Document
 - Assignment of Action Items
 - Subgroups Meet in Working Sessions
- July 22:
 - Subgroups Meet in Working Sessions
 - Inter-Subgroups Meet
- July 23:
 - Subgroup Reports
 - Review Status of Document
 - Plans for Editorial Group Activities
 - Review and Assignment of Action

Items

- Closing Session (Make Assignments, Date and Place of Next Meeting, Closing Remarks, Adjourn)

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 person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34516]

The Indiana Northeastern Railroad Company—Acquisition Exemption—Branch and St. Joseph Counties Rail Users Association, Inc.

The Indiana Northeastern Railroad Company, Inc. (IN), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from the Branch and St. Joseph Counties Rail Users Association, Inc., a 19.88-mile line of railroad between milepost 386.96 near Coldwater, MI, and milepost 406.84, near Sturgis, MI. IN has been operating this line since 2002.¹

IN certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or a Class I rail carrier.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or soon after July 1, 2004.

If the verified 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. 34516, must be filed with

¹ See *Indiana Northeastern Railroad Company—Change in Operators Exemption—Branch and St. Joseph Counties Rail Users Association, Inc.*, STB Finance Docket No. 34273 (STB served Nov. 21, 2002).

the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Carl M. Miller, 618 Professional Park Dr., P.O. Box 332, New Haven, IN 46774.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at “www.stb.dot.gov.”

Decided: July 9, 2004.

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 Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 401X)]

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—In Polk County, IA

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 1.88-mile line of railroad, extending from milepost 67.38 to milepost 1.45, near Des Moines, in Polk County, IA.¹ The line traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Code 50309.

BNSF has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial

¹ The abandonment involves BNSF track segments with non-contiguous mileposts. Therefore, total mileage does not correspond to the milepost designations of the endpoints.

revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on August 17, 2004, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),³ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by July 26, 2004. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by August 5, 2004, with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to BNSF's representative: Michael Smith, Freeborn & Peters, 311 S. Wacker Dr., Suite 3000, Chicago, IL 60606-6677.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

BNSF has filed a separate environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by July 23, 2004. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1539. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.) Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), BNSF shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by BNSF's filing of a notice of

consummation by July 16, 2005, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: July 9, 2004.

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 Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 251X) and Docket No. AB-866X]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company, et al; Abandonment Exemption and Discontinuance of Service Exemption in Chowan County, NC

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) and North Carolina & Virginia Railway Company, Inc., The Chesapeake and Albemarle Division (NCVA) have jointly filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* for NSR to abandon, and for NCVA to discontinue service under a lease from NSR over, a 0.33-mile line of railroad between approximately milepost NS-73.67 and milepost NS-74.00 in Edenton, Chowan County, NC. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 27932.

NSR and NCVA have certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years and overhead traffic, if there were any, could be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment or discontinuance shall be

protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, these exemptions will be effective on August 17, 2004,¹ unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),³ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by July 26, 2004. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by August 5, 2004, with: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.⁴

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicants' representatives: James R. Paschall, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510; and Gary A. Laakso, 5300 Broken Sound Blvd., NW., 2nd Floor, Boca Raton, FL 33487.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

NSR and NCVA have filed an environmental report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment and discontinuance on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by July 23, 2004. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation

¹ Pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(2), the railroad must file a verified notice with the Board at least 50 days before the abandonment or discontinuance is to be consummated. While applicants initially indicated a proposed consummation date of August 16, 2004, because the verified notice was filed on June 28, 2004, consummation may not take place prior to August 17, 2004. By facsimile filed on July 6, 2004, NSR's representative confirmed that the consummation date will be August 17, 2004.

² The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

³ Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,100. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

⁴ NSR states that the right-of-way underlying the segment is being sold to Dominion Resources (Virginia Power). According to NSR, this use of the right-of-way, which will benefit the public through more efficient electric power transmission service in the area, precludes any potential public use other than that proposed by Virginia Power.

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