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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the meeting, contact Cheryl Whetsel by phone at 202-366-4431 or by email at cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the public may attend and make a statement during the advisory committee meeting. If you intend to make a statement, please notify PHMSA in advance by forwarding an email to cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov by July 22, 2013.

Committee Background

The GPAC and LPAC are statutorily mandated advisory committees that advise PHMSA on proposed safety standards, risks assessments, and safety policies for natural gas pipelines and for hazardous liquid pipelines. Both committees were established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1) and the pipeline safety law (49 U.S.C. Chap. 601). Each committee consists of 15 members—with membership evenly divided among the Federal and state government, the regulated industry, and the public. The committees advise PHMSA on the technical feasibility, practicability, and cost-effectiveness of each proposed pipeline safety standard.

Agenda

On Thursday, August 8, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on August 9, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the GPAC and LPAC will hold joint meetings. A detailed Agenda will be published on the PHMSA (DOT) Web site.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 60102, 60115; 60118.

Issued in Washington, DC on July 3, 2013.

Jeffrey D. Wiese,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35749]

Boston and Maine Corporation and Springfield Terminal Railroad Company—Petition for Declaratory Order

The Boston and Maine Corporation and Springfield Terminal Railway Company (collectively, Pan Am), filed a petition for declaratory order on July 1, 2013 (Petition), requesting that the Board declare that 49 U.S.C. 10501(b) preempts actions taken by the Town of Winchester (the Town) to ban certain rail transportation conducted by Pan Am. For the reasons discussed below, a declaratory order proceeding will be instituted and an expedited procedural schedule will be adopted.

The Petition requests that the Board find that the Town is preempted from enforcing a zoning decision and an order, each of which would prevent Pan Am from providing freight rail transportation to a warehouse in the Town. According to Pan Am, it provides common carrier rail transportation to the warehouse, through the Montvale Yard, on behalf of shippers, and it holds out this transportation service to the public. The zoning decision states that the Montvale Yard “is being used as a freight yard which is not allowed” pursuant to municipal zoning laws.¹ The order requires all rail traffic to the warehouse “to immediately cease and desist.”²

The Board has discretionary authority under 5 U.S.C. 554(e) and 49 U.S.C. 721 to issue a declaratory order to eliminate a controversy or remove uncertainty. Here, a controversy exists as to whether enforcement of the Town’s zoning laws is preempted under 49 U.S.C. 10501(b). Therefore, a declaratory order proceeding will be instituted, and the Board will consider this matter under the modified procedure rules at 49 CFR pt. 1112.

Pan Am states that the Town has announced plans to seek a state court injunction to enforce its cease and desist order, with a hearing on the motion to be set for the week of July 22, 2013. Pan Am further states that the Town rejected a request to hold state court proceedings in abeyance to allow Pan Am’s Petition to be considered by the Board. In a letter filed July 3, 2013, the Town indicates that it will reply to the Petition on or before July 22 and asserts that “there is no emergency requiring the Board’s

immediate action” because no petition for a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction “as yet has been filed” with the state court. But there remains a cease and desist order issued by the Town that purports to ban all rail transportation to the warehouse. Moreover, the Town does not dispute Pan Am’s assertion that the Town had announced plans to seek state court action on the schedule Pan Am claims, nor does it commit to refraining from these actions or consenting to abeyance of the state court proceedings. Therefore, an expedited procedural schedule will be adopted, with replies to the Petition due by July 10, 2013.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. A declaratory order proceeding is instituted.
2. Replies to the Petition are due by July 10, 2013.
3. This decision is effective on its service date.

Decided: July 3, 2013.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on one new proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). The new clearance will allow the Office of Financial Stability, within the Department of the Treasury, to collect information from homeowners that have received mortgage modifications under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP), in order to study the performance of HAMP modifications.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 9, 2013 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding these information collections should be addressed to the Department of the

¹ Pet., Ex. B at 2.

² Id. at 4 (Amended Decision After Remand).

Treasury, Departmental Offices, Office of Financial Stability, ATTN: Karen Chang, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to the Department of the Treasury, Departmental Offices, Office of Financial Stability, ATTN: Karen Chang, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Study of MHA Program Performance.

OMB Control Number: NEW.

Abstract: Pursuant to its authority under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act (EESA) of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-343), the Department of the Treasury established the Making Home Affordable Program (MHA), a voluntary foreclosure prevention program, to help stabilize the housing market. Under MHA, the Department pays financial incentives to homeowners, servicers and investors to facilitate loan modifications and other foreclosure alternatives. MHA includes, among other things, the Home Affordable Modification Program

(HAMP). HAMP is designed to reduce each qualifying homeowner's first lien mortgage payments to an affordable level. The Department, through its financial agent, plans to conduct a survey of homeowners who have received mortgage modifications under HAMP and subsequently missed three consecutive payments, in order to collect information about the reasons for loss of good standing and the homeowner's experience during the HAMP modification process.

Type of Review: New Collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, Households.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

The study will likely involve up to 2400 subjects. Each individual data collection session will be approximately 15 to 20 minutes long.

Estimated Average Time per Respondent: 15 to 20 minutes per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: Approximately 800 burden hours.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will

be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit written comments concerning: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Robert Dahl,

Treasury Department PRA Clearance Officer.

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