

Conduct of the Meeting

The meeting will be informal and is intended to produce a dialogue between agency personnel and persons affected by the hazardous materials safety programs. The meeting officer may find it necessary to limit the time allocated each speaker to ensure that all participants have an opportunity to speak. Conversely, the meeting may conclude before the time scheduled if all persons wishing to participate have been heard.

Atlanta Meeting

As announced in the Federal Register (61 FR 24529) on May 15, 1996, the public meeting in Atlanta on September 12, 1996 will be held at the Omni Hotel, 100 CNN Center beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on July 18, 1996.

Alan I. Roberts,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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[Notice No. 96-13]

Temporary Closure of the Dockets Unit

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the temporary closure of RSPA's Dockets Unit, which contains hazardous materials and pipeline safety rulemaking and other dockets. Provision, however, is being made for public access to dockets in which comment periods are open or were recently closed and other dockets of current interest to the public. This closure is due to a cleaning project of the entire Nassif Building. RSPA expects its Dockets Unit to be closed for approximately three weeks starting August 12, 1996.

DATES: August 12, 1996 to September 3, 1996 (estimated).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For hazardous materials dockets, Ms. J. Suzanne Hedgepeth, Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals, (202) 366-4535; Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, RSPA, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590-0001. For pipeline safety dockets, Richard D. Hurliaux, Director, Office of Technology and Standards, (202) 366-4565; Office of Pipeline Safety, RSPA, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: RSPA's Dockets Unit is located on the eighth floor of the Nassif Building, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC. In an effort to improve the indoor air quality in the Nassif Building, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the building's owner have initiated a major cleaning project. This project entails a thorough cleaning of the building on a floor-by-floor basis. During the cleaning of each floor, the floor will be closed to employees and visitors. It is estimated that the cleaning of each floor will take approximately three weeks. During this three-week period, the offices on each floor will be closed and the affected employees will be relocated to another building. Once the cleaning of a floor is complete, employees and visitors may return to that floor. Cleaning of the Nassif Building's eighth floor is scheduled to begin on Monday, August 12, 1996. As a result, RSPA's Dockets Unit is scheduled to be closed for approximately three weeks.

Due to the massive volume of documents in the Dockets Unit and the short time period involved, RSPA has decided not to relocate the entire Dockets Unit. RSPA recognizes that this closure will present an inconvenience to the public. Although the public will be prevented from viewing most dockets during the cleaning project on the eighth floor, the public can still submit written comments on a particular rulemaking or exemption application by mailing comments to the Dockets Unit, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room 8421, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20590-0001.

RSPA is taking steps to reduce the public inconvenience. It will provide public access to those rulemakings dockets in which the comment period will be open during, and those in which the comment will have closed just prior to, the closure of the Dockets Unit. Each of those dockets will be available for public review in an alternate location in the Nassif Building from August 12, 1996, until the Dockets Unit is reopened.

The hazardous materials dockets available to the public will be located in Room 5414A of the Nassif Building. These will include HM-181H (Performance Oriented Packaging Standards), HM-200 (Intrastate Transportation of Hazardous Materials), HM-223 (Applicability of the Hazardous Materials Regulations to Loading, Unloading and Storage), HM-224 (Temporary Prohibition of Oxygen Generators in Air Commerce) and any

new docket opened before the reopening of the Dockets Unit.

The pipeline safety dockets available to the public will be located in Room 2335 of the Nassif Building. These will include PS-94 (Qualification of Pipeline Personnel), PS-118 (Excess Flow Valve Performance Standard), PS-118A (Excess Flow Valves—Customer Notification), PS-121 (Pressure Testing of Older Hazardous Liquid Pipelines), PS-140(e) (Areas Unusually Sensitive to Environmental Damage), PS-144 (Risk-Based Alternatives to Pressure Testing Rule), P-96-8W (CNG Transmission; Petition for Waiver), and any new docket opened before the reopening of the Dockets Unit.

Requests for the availability of any other dockets during this period should immediately be made to the contact persons listed above.

The public may view these dockets between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC on July 19, 1996.

Alan I. Roberts,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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Surface Transportation Board¹

[STB Finance Docket No. 32981]

The Northern Vermont Railroad Company Incorporated; Acquisition and Operation Exemption; Lines of Canadian Pacific Limited

The Northern Vermont Railroad Company Incorporated (NV), a noncarrier, has filed a notice of exemption to acquire from Canadian Pacific Limited, doing business as CP Rail System, approximately 86.41 miles of rail line located in Franklin, Orleans, Caledonia, and Orange Counties, VT, as follows: (1) A portion of the Newport Subdivision between the U.S.-Canadian border crossings at milepost 26.25 and milepost 32.63 (running through Richford VT); (2) a portion of the Newport Subdivision between the border crossing at milepost 43.32 and the end of the subdivision at Newport (milepost 58.4); (3) the Lyndonville Subdivision, extending between Newport (milepost 0.0) and Wells River,

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (ICCTA), which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10901.

VT (milepost 63.78); and (4) a portion of the former Beebe Subdivision, between mileposts 39.04 and 40.21, in or near Newport, VT. The transaction is expected to be consummated as soon as practicable after the exemption is effective and all conditions precedent have been satisfied.²

This proceeding is related to STB Finance Docket No. 32982, *Iron Road Railways Incorporated, Benjamin F. Collins, John F. Depodesta, Daniel Sabin, and Robert T. Schmidt—Control Exemption—Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company, Canadian American Railroad Company, Iowa Northern Railway Company, and The Northern Vermont Railroad Company Incorporated*, wherein Iron Road Railways Incorporated and certain noncarrier individuals have filed a petition for exemption to continue to control NV and three other rail carriers upon NV becoming a carrier.

Any comments must be filed with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423 and applicant's representative: David A. Hirsh, Harkins Cunningham, 1300 19th Street, NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036.

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1150.31. If the 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.

Decided: July 19, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.
Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.
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[STB Finance Docket No. 32996]

St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—SPCSL Corp.

SPCSL Corp. has agreed to grant local and overhead trackage rights to St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company over rail lines beginning at a point at or near

² This notice of exemption was filed on June 7, 1996, and was scheduled to become effective 7 days later.

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milepost CSL 281 ("Q" Tower) and extending southerly 6.2 miles to milepost CSL 287.2 in the vicinity of Church, IL, and southwesterly 2.84 miles to milepost MM 641.96 in the vicinity of Tolson, IL. The total trackage rights over both routes is approximately 9.04 miles. The trackage rights were to become effective on or after July 12, 1996.

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If the 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 stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 32996, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423 and served on: Louis E. Gitomer, Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

Decided: July 17, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.
Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.
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[STB Finance Docket No. 32959 (Sub-No. 1)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company; Trackage Rights Exemption; Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad Company

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, exempts the trackage rights described in STB Finance Docket No. 32959² to permit the trackage rights to

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² In *Union Pacific Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Chicago, Central and Pacific*

expire on August 1, 1996, in accordance with the agreement of the parties.³

DATES: This exemption is effective on August 9, 1996. Petitions to reopen must be filed by August 14, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 32959 (Sub-No. 1), to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423; (2) Joseph D. Anthofer, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179; and (3) William C. Sippel, Two Prudential Plaza, 45th Floor, 180 North Stetson Avenue, Chicago, IL 60601.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC News & Data, Inc., Room 2229, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289 4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: July 12, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.
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[Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1156X)]

Consolidated Rail Corporation—Abandonment Exemption—in Lebanon County, PA

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

Railroad Company, STB Finance Docket No. 32959 (STB served May 31, 1996), Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad Company (CCP) agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) in a north-south direction from the point of switch of the connection at CCP milepost 455.8, near Arion, to the point of switch of the connection at CCP milepost 512.2, near Council Bluffs, IA, a distance of approximately 56.4 miles.

The trackage rights arrangement was necessary because of the rehabilitation of UP's parallel line between Council Bluffs and Arion, IA. The trackage rights have enabled UP to provide uninterrupted rail service and have alleviated congestion during the repair of its track.

³ Trackage rights normally remain in effect unless discontinuance authority or approval of a new agreement is sought. See *Milford-Bennington Railroad Company, Inc.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Boston and Maine Corporation and Springfield Terminal Railway Company*, Finance Docket No. 32103 (ICC served Sept. 3, 1993).