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*Manager, Airports Division, New England  
Region.*

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**Notice of Intent to Rule on Application  
To Impose a Passenger Facility Charge  
(PFC) at Sacramento Metropolitan  
Airport (SMF), Sacramento, California  
and Use the Revenue at SMF and  
Mather Airports**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation  
Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Rule on  
Application.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and  
invites public comment on the  
application to impose a PFC at  
Sacramento Metropolitan Airport (SMF)  
and use the revenue at SMF and Mather  
Airports under the provisions of the  
Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion  
Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus  
Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990)  
(Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the  
Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR  
Part 158).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on  
or before March 7, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this  
application may be mailed or delivered  
in triplicate to the FAA at the following  
address: Federal Aviation  
Administration, Airports Division,  
15000 Aviation Blvd., Lawndale, CA  
90261, or San Francisco Airports  
District Office, 831 Mitten Road, Room  
210, Burlingame, CA 94010-1303. In  
addition, one copy of any comments  
submitted to the FAA must be mailed or  
delivered to Mr. Thomas P. Engel,  
Director, Department of Airports,  
County of Sacramento, at the following  
address: 6900 Airport Boulevard,  
Sacramento, California 95837. Air  
carriers and foreign air carriers may  
submit copies of written comments  
previously provided to the County of  
Sacramento under § 158.23 of Part 158.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Mr. Joseph R. Rodriguez, Supervisor,  
Planning and Programming Section,  
Airports District Office, 831 Mitten  
Road, Room 210, Burlingame, CA  
94010-1303, Telephone: (415) 876-  
2805. The application may be reviewed  
in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA  
proposes to rule and invites public

comment on the application to impose  
a PFC at Sacramento Metropolitan  
Airport (SMF) and use the revenue at  
SMF and Mather Airports under the  
provisions of the Aviation Safety and  
Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title  
IX of the Omnibus Budget  
Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L.  
101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal  
Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On January 25, 1996, the FAA  
determined that the application to  
impose and use the revenue from a PFC  
submitted by the County of Sacramento  
was substantially complete within the  
requirements of § 158.25 of Part 158.  
The FAA will approve or disapprove the  
application, in whole or in part, no later  
than April 24, 1996.

The following is a brief overview of  
the use application number AWP-96-  
05-C-00-SMF.

*Level of proposed PFC:* \$3.00.

*Charge effective date:* July 1, 1996.

*Estimated charge expiration date:*  
June 30, 2026.

*Total estimated PFC revenue:*

\$82,867,000.

*Brief description of the impose and  
use projects:* Air Quality Mitigation  
Compressed Natural Gas System,  
Airfield Support Shops and Facilities,  
Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency  
Flood Control Project, Airfield Drainage  
Control Equipment—Backhoe, Terminal  
Roadway Island Widening, GA Apron  
Airside Access Road, FOD Removal  
Equipment—Airfield Sweeper at  
Sacramento Mather Airport, Earhart  
Drive Reconstruction, Terminals 1 & 2  
Rehabilitation, Phase 3, Security System  
Upgrade, Airfield, Terminal, Tower  
Communications System—Telephone  
Switch, Concourse Throat Expansion,  
West Terminals Jet Loaders, Phase 2,  
ARFF Vehicles Replacement, Surface  
Movement Guidance Control System,  
Aircraft Noise Monitoring System,  
Metro Airport Master Plan Update and  
EIR, Metro Airport Part 150 Study,  
Terminals 1, 2, & 3, CPS and  
Administration Buildings Electrical  
System Reconstruction/Upgrade Phase  
2, Reconstruct Electrical Vault and  
Construct East Vault, and Airport  
System Revenue Bond Issuance Costs,  
Debt Service Reserve Funding, Bond  
Coverage and Interest Expense for  
Projects in Passenger Facility Charge  
Application Number 5.

*Class or classes of air carriers which  
the public agency has requested not be  
required to collect PFCs:* None.

Any person may inspect the  
application in person at the FAA office  
listed above under **FOR FURTHER  
INFORMATION CONTACT** and at the FAA  
Regional Airports Division located at:  
Federal Aviation Administration,

Airports Division, 15000 Aviation Blvd.,  
Lawndale, CA 90261. In addition, any  
person may, upon request, inspect the  
application, notice and other documents  
germane to the application in person at  
the County of Sacramento.

Issued in Hawthorne, California, on  
January 25, 1996.

Herman C. Bliss,

*Manager, Airports Division, Western Pacific  
Region.*

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**Federal Railroad Administration**

**[FRA Docket No. HS-96-1]**

**Petitions for Waivers of Compliance**

Notice is hereby given that the  
Southern Pacific Transportation  
Company (SPT), the Brotherhood of  
Locomotive Engineers (BLE) and the  
United Transportation Union (UTU)  
have jointly petitioned the Federal  
Railroad Administration (FRA) for a  
waiver of compliance with a provision  
of the Federal hours of service laws (49  
U.S.C. 21103(b)(4)) affecting train  
employees.

The Federal hours of service laws  
currently make it unlawful for a railroad  
carrier to require specified train  
employees to remain on duty in excess  
of 12 hours, except as provided in 49  
U.S.C. 21102(a) and 21103(c). In  
addition, the Federal hours of service  
laws define time on duty for train  
employees to include time spent in  
deadhead transportation to duty  
assignment, but define time spent in  
deadhead transportation from a duty  
assignment to the place of final release  
as neither time on duty nor off duty.

Section 21108(a) of title 49 of the  
United States Code provides that a  
railroad carrier and all labor  
organizations representing any class or  
craft of directly affected covered service  
employees of the railroad carrier, may  
jointly petition for approval of a waiver,  
in whole or in part, of compliance with  
the Federal hours of service laws to  
enable the establishment of one of more  
pilot projects to demonstrate the  
possible benefits of implementing  
alternatives to the strict application of  
the requirements of the hours of service  
laws to such class or craft of employees.

The petitioners seek a waiver  
pursuant to this section, in order to  
establish a pilot project in which certain  
SPT train employees may be permitted  
to treat travel time to a duty assignment  
as commuting time that would  
otherwise be counted as on-duty time  
under FRA's application of the

deadheading provision of the Federal hours of service laws. Affected SPT train employees (engineers and trainmen) operate under an agreement, commonly known as the Los Angeles Basin agreement (agreement), in unassigned freight pool service (BLE) and pool freight service (UTU) between Los Angeles (LATC) and West Colton, California. Train employees called for service under this agreement may go on or off duty at LATC, Dolores (ICTF) or West Colton.

FRA has interpreted the Federal hours of service laws as requiring that deadheading time include personal automobile travel to a point of duty assignment other than the regular reporting point of an individual train employee. SPT, BLE and UTU seek waiver relief from FRA's interpretation to allow train employees covered by the agreement to report on or off duty at the identified locations without including personal automobile travel time as time on duty for purposes of 49 U.S.C. 21103(b)(4).

The SPT, BLE, and UTU state "that the agreements will positively impact safety by allowing each employee to have additional rest between tours of duty thereby providing less stress." The petitioners also state "it is expected that these agreements will result in less personnel turnover on these assignments."

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 of their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the waiver petition docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number HS-96-01) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590.

Communications received within 30 days of the date of publication 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 a.m. to 5 p.m.) in room 8201, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590.

Issued in Washington, DC on February 1, 1996.

Phil Olekszyk,

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Compliance and Program Implementation.*

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### Ensuring Tank Car Safety

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public information meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) announces a public meeting to discuss the safety of tank car builders, users, and transporters.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held February 13 and 14, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James H. Rader, Hazardous Materials Specialist, Office of Safety Assurance and Compliance, (202) 366-0510, Federal Railroad Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Internet address: JRADER@intergate.dot.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FRA is hosting a public information meeting in Houston, Texas on February 13 and 14, 1996 on "Ensuring Tank Car Safety." At the meeting, representatives of FRA, the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), the tank car industry, railroad transportation companies, petroleum and chemical producers, and state and local emergency response personnel will discuss the safety needs of the industry. They will highlight current and future planned efforts in research, regulatory development, and industry standards.

During the meeting, FRA and RSPA will seek the opinions of shippers and tank car owners, of state and local government officials, emergency responders, and the public about the focus of current efforts to ensure tank car safety. Representatives of governmental agencies and private enterprises will discuss the priorities to be given current and future FRA-sponsored research and rulemaking efforts as well as activities sponsored by industry.

The FRA anticipates that this meeting will provide a clear direction for gaining the greatest impact for public and private research dollars. In addition, both government and industry want to be certain that, to the maximum extent possible, governmental regulations and private industry standards are fully coordinated. The FRA appreciates the additional stimulus provided for the

February seminar by the Recommendations in National Research Council's Special Report #243, *Ensuring Railroad Tank Car Safety*, (Transportation Research Board, National Research Council, © 1994).

Conference space is limited and pre-registration is required. To participate in the public information meeting, participants must register and receive confirmation from Mr. James H. Rader, Federal Railroad Administration at (202) 366-0510 [Internet address: JRADER@intergate.dot.gov], Washington D.C.

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Jolene M. Molitoris,  
*Administrator.*

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### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Safety Performance Standards, Research and Safety Assurance Programs Meetings

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of NHTSA Industry Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will answer questions from the public and the automobile industry regarding the agency's vehicle regulatory, safety assurance and other programs. In addition, NHTSA will hold two separate public meetings to describe and discuss specific research and development projects and to seek information on the safety of mirror systems.

**DATES:** The Agency's regular, quarterly public meeting relating to its vehicle regulatory, safety assurance and other programs will be held on March 13, 1996, beginning at 9:45 a.m. and ending at approximately 12:30 p.m. Questions relating to the above programs must be submitted in writing by March 1, 1996, to the address shown below. If sufficient time is available, questions received after March 1, may be answered at the meeting. The individual, group or company submitting a question(s) does not have to be present for the question(s) to be answered. A consolidated list of the questions submitted by March 1, 1996, and the issues to be discussed will be transmitted to interested persons by March 6, 1996, and will be available at the meeting. Also, the agency will hold a second public meeting on March 12,