

F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 0.55 miles of its line of railroad known as the Aberdeen Line (of former Aberdeen to Oakes Subdivision) from approximately milepost 83.15+/- to approximately milepost 82.6+/- in Brown County, SD.<sup>2</sup>

DM&E has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can 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 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 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 October 31, 1996, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>3</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>4</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29<sup>5</sup> must be filed by October

11, 1996. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by October 21, 1996, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Kevin V. Schieffer, Schieffer, Cutler & Donahoe, 431 North Phillips Avenue, Suite 300, Sioux Falls, SD 57102.

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

DM&E has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by October 4, 1996. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 3219, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling Elaine Kaiser, Chief of SEA, at (202) 927-6248. 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.

Decided: September 24, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.  
Vernon A. Williams,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Performance Review Board Members

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4) agencies are required to publish a notice in the Federal Register of the appointment of Performance Review Board (PRB) members. This notice revises the list of members of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Performance Review Boards which was published in the Federal Register on October 10, 1995 (60 FR 195).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
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consummated and the abandoning railroad is willing to negotiate an agreement.

Resources Management (053), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-4937.

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<sup>2</sup> 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. The applicant in its verified notice, indicated a proposed consummation date of October 25, 1996. Because the verified notice was not filed until September 11, 1996, however, consummation should have not been proposed to take place prior to October 31, 1996. Applicant's representative has been contacted and has confirmed that the correct consummation date is on or after October 31, 1996.

<sup>3</sup> 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 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.

<sup>4</sup> See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Financial Assist.*, 4 I.C.C. 2d 164 (1987).

<sup>5</sup> The Board will accept late-filed trail use requests so long as the abandonment has not been

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Dated: September 23, 1996.  
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