

environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by November 10, 1997. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by November 18, 1997, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Jo A. DeRoche, Esq., Weiner, Brodsky, Sidman & Kider, P.C., 1350 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005-4797.

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

RRVW 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 November 3, 1997. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500,

Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. 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), RRVW 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 RRVW's filing of a notice of consummation by October 29, 1998, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Decided: October 21, 1997.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182), established an advisory committee (the "Advisory Committee") for the community adjustment and investment program (the "Program"). The Program will provide financing to businesses and individuals in communities adversely impacted by NAFTA to create new jobs. The charter of the Advisory Committee has been filed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (Pub. L. 92-463), with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Advisory Committee consists of nine members of the public, appointed by the President, who collectively represent: (1) Community groups whose constituencies include low-income families; (2) scientific, professional, business, nonprofit, or public interest organizations or associations, which are neither affiliated with, nor under the direction of, a government; and (3) for-profit business interests.

The objectives of the Advisory Committee are to: (1) Provide informed advice to the President regarding the implementation of the Program; and (2) review on a regular basis, the operation of the Program, and provide the President with the conclusions of its review. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 12916, dated May 13, 1994, the President established an interagency committee to implement the Program and to receive, on behalf of the President, advice of the Advisory Committee. The committee is chaired by the Secretary of the Treasury.

<sup>1</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>2</sup> Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$900. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Domestic Finance; Notice of Open Meeting of the Advisory Committee U.S. Community Adjustment and Investment Program

The Department of the Treasury, pursuant to the North American Free Trade Agreement ("NAFTA")

A meeting of the Advisory Committee, which will be open to the public, will be held in El Paso, Texas at the Camino Real Hotel, Salon C, 101 El Paso Street, El Paso, Texas 79901, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, November 21, 1997. The meeting room will accommodate approximately 80 persons and seating is available on a first-come, first-serve basis, unless space has been reserved in advance. Due to limited seating, prospective attendees are encouraged to contact the person listed below prior to November 14, 1997. If you would like to have the Advisory Committee consider a written statement, material must be submitted to the U.S. Community Adjustment and Investment Program, Advisory Committee, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3041, Washington, DC 20220 no later than November 7, 1997. If you have any questions, please call Dan Decena at (202) 622-0637. (Please note that this telephone number is not toll-free.)

**Mozelle W. Thompson,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary,  
Government Financial Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

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#### **Lexington First Federal, M.H.C., Lexington, Tennessee; Approval of Convention Application**

Notice is hereby given that on October 21, 1997, the Director, Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of Lexington First Federal, M.H.C. Lexington, Tennessee, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552, and the Central Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 200 West Madison Street, Suite 1300, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

Dated: October 24, 1997.

**Nadine Y. Washington,**

*Corporate Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

[AC-28: OTS No. 4082]

#### **The Salida Building and Loan Association, Salida, Colorado; Approval of Conversion Application**

Notice is hereby given that on October 23, 1997, the Director, Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of The Salida Building and Loan Association, Salida, Colorado, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552, and the Midwest Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 122 W. John Carpenter Freeway, Suite 600, Irving, Texas 75039-2010.

Dated: October 24, 1997.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

**Nadine Y. Washington,**

*Corporate Secretary.*

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