

flying a series of tracks at a constant altitude, without maintaining the appropriate cruising altitude required under 91.159.

GRANT, April 23, 1998, Exemption No. 134I.

Docket No.: 28454.

Petitioner: Civil Air Patrol.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR part 91, subpart F.

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Civil Air Patrol (CAP) to operate small aircraft under subpart F of part 91 and receive limited reimbursement for certain flights within the scope of and incidental to the CAP's corporate purposes and U.S. Air Force Auxiliary status.

GRANT, April 13, 1998, Exemption No. 6485A.

Docket No.: 27577.

Petitioner: Availl.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 145.445(f).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Availl to maintain one copy of its repair station Inspection Procedures Manual (IPM) at each facility, rather than give a copy of the IPM to each of its supervisory and inspection personnel.

GRANT, April 8, 1998, Exemption No. 5940B.

Docket No.: 28479.

Petitioner: Strong Enterprises, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 105.43(a).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Strong Enterprises, Inc., and Strong Certified Tandem Instructors to conduct parachute jumps while wearing a dual-harness, dual-parachute pact, having at least one main parachute and one auxiliary parachute. This exemption also authorizes the pilot-in-command of aircraft involved in these operations to allow such persons to make tandem parachute jumps.

GRANT, April 8, 1998, Exemption No. 6474B.

Docket No.: 29092.

Petitioner: Pratt & Whitney Engine Services, Inc..

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 145.45(f).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit the petitioner to assign copies of its Inspection Procedures Manual (IPM) to key individuals within its departments and key areas within its shop and functionally place an adequate number of IPM's for access to all employees, rather than provide a copy of the IPM for each of its Supervisory and inspection personnel.

GRANT, April 13, 1998, Exemption No. 6750.

Docket No.: 28144.

Petitioner: Perris Valley Skydiving.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 105.43(a).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit nonstudent parachutist who are foreign nationals to participate in PVS-sponsored events without complying with the parachute equipment and packing requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations.

GRANT, March 23, 1998, Exemption No. 6745.

GRANT, April 13, 1998, Exemption No. 64750.

Docket No.: 29108.

Petitioner: Skydrive Dallas, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 105.43(d).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit nonstudent parachutist who are foreign nationals to participate in Skydive Dallas-sponsored events without complying with the parachute equipment and packing requirements of 105.43(a).

GRANT, March 23, 1998, Exemption No. 6744.

Docket No.: 28628.

Petitioner: Mr. William W. Webb.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 91.109(a).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Mr. Webb to conduct certain flight instruction in Beechcraft Bonanza airplanes equipped with a functioning throwover control wheel instead of functioning dual controls.

GRANT, April 24, 1998, Exemption No. 6544A

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Transfer of Federally Assisted Land or Facility

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to transfer Federally assisted land or facility.

SUMMARY: 49 U.S.C. Section 5334(g) (formerly Section 12(k)) of the Federal Transit Act, as amended) permits the Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to authorize a recipient of FTA funds to transfer land or a facility to a local public body for any public purpose with no further obligation to the Federal Government if, among other things, no Federal agency is interested in acquiring the asset for Federal use. Accordingly, FTA is

issuing this Notice to advise Federal agencies that the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (Tri-Met) intends to transfer railroad right-of-way (RROW) between N.W. Division Street and Spring Water Trail (formerly Linneman Junction) in the City Of Gresham, Oregon. The RROW has been abandoned and declared surplus.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Any Federal agency interested in acquiring the land or facility must notify the FTA Region 10 Office of its interest, by June 4, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should notify the Regional Office by writing FTA Region 10, 915 Second Avenue, Room 3142, Seattle, Washington 98174-1002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael J. Williams, Regional Engineer at (206) 220-7965; or Pat Berkley, FTA Headquarters Office of Program Management at (202) 366-6470.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

49 U.S.C. Section 5334(g) provides guidance on the transfer of capital assets. Specifically, if a recipient of FTA assistance decides an asset acquired under this chapter, at least in part with that assistance, is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was acquired, the Secretary of Transportation may authorize the recipient to transfer the asset to a local governmental authority to be used for a public purpose with no further obligation to the Government.

Determinations

The Secretary may authorize a transfer to a local governmental authority for a public purpose other than mass transportation only if the Secretary decides—

(A) The asset will remain in public use for not less than 5 years after the date of the transfer;

(B) There is no purpose eligible for assistance under this chapter for which the asset should be used;

(C) The overall benefit of allowing the transfer is greater than the interest of the Government in liquidation and return of the financial interest of the Government in the asset, after considering fair market value and other factors; and

(D) Through an appropriate screening or survey process, that there is interest in acquiring the asset for Government use if the asset is a facility or land.

Federal Interest in Acquiring Land or Facility

This document implements the requirements of 49 U.S.C. Section 5334(g) (formerly Section 12(k)) of the

Federal Transit Act, as amended). Accordingly, FTA hereby provides notice of the availability of the land or facility further described below. Any Federal agency interested in acquiring the affected land or facility should promptly notify the FTA.

If no Federal agency is interested in acquiring the existing land or facility, FTA will make certain that the other requirements specified in 49 U.S.C. Section 5334(g)(1)(A) through (1)(D) are met before permitting the asset to be transferred.

Additional Description of Land or Facility

The property is a portion of the RROW originally acquired as part of the Banfield Light Rail Project. The RROW consists of six (6) contiguous parcels totaling 14.232 acres, more or less, along 6,400 linear feet, between N.W. Division Street and Spring Water Trail in the City of Gresham, Oregon. Tri-Met purchased this property on December 13, 1983, from the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

Issued: April 22, 1998.

Helen M. Knoll,

Regional Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-402 (Sub-No. 5X)]

Fox Valley & Western Ltd.— Abandonment Exemption—in Kewaunee County, WI

On April 15, 1998, Fox Valley & Western Ltd. (FVW),¹ filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a line of railroad, known as the Luxemburg-Kewaunee Line, extending from milepost 18.9 near Luxemburg to milepost 35.6 at the end of the line near Kewaunee, a distance of 16.7 miles, in Kewaunee County, WI. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service ZIP Codes 54205, 54216, and 54217, and includes the stations of Casco Junction at milepost 23.3 and Kewaunee at milepost 34.0.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's

possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by August 3, 1998.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,000 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than May 26, 1998. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-402 (Sub-No. 5X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Michael J. Barron, Jr., Fox Valley & Western Ltd., 6250 N. River Road, Suite 9000, Rosemont, IL 60018.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1545. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at (202) 565-1695.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Decided: April 27, 1998.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 198X)]

Norfolk and Western Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption— in Lynchburg, VA

Norfolk and Western Railway Company (NW) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 0.74-mile line of its railroad between milepost L-0.20 and milepost L-0.94 in Lynchburg, VA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 24501.

NW 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 over other lines; (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 Surface Transportation Board (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 June 4, 1998, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to

¹ 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-*

¹ FVW is a wholly owned subsidiary of Wisconsin Central Transportation Corporation.