

from Hulcher. All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated at the beginning of this notice will be considered and will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the address section of this notice. Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the public docket and will be considered to the extent practicable, but the FHWA may deny the exemption at any time after the close of the comment period. In addition to late comments, the FHWA will also continue to file, in the public docket, relevant information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should continue to examine the public docket for new material.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 31136 and 31315; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: July 22, 1999.

Kenneth R. Wykle,

Federal Highway Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33784]

Penn Virginia Corporation— Continuance in Control Exemption— Kanawha Rail Corp.

Penn Virginia Corporation (Penn Virginia) has filed a notice of exemption to continue in control of the Kanawha Rail Corp. (Kanawha),¹ upon Kanawha's becoming a Class III railroad.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on July 29, 1999, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the notice of exemption was filed).

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33783, *Kanawha Rail Corp.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Winifrede Railroad Company*, wherein Kanawha seeks to acquire and operate approximately 6.47 miles of rail line together with associated rail properties from the Winifrede Railroad Company.

Penn Virginia indirectly exercises control over the Powell River Railroad Company (PRR). PRR is wholly owned by the Powell River Railroad Corporation (PRCC). PRCC, in turn, is wholly owned by Penn Virginia.

Penn Virginia states that: (i) the rail line to be operated by Kanawha does not connect with the PRR (the only other railroad controlled by Penn Virginia);

(ii) the transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect Kanawha with the PRR; and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

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.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33784, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Kelvin J. Dowd, Esq., Slover & Loftus, 1224 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

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Decided: July 23, 1999.

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 Finance Docket No. 33783]

Kanawha Rail Corp.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Winifrede Railroad Company

Kanawha Rail Corp. (Kanawha),¹ a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Winifrede Railroad Company and operate approximately 6.47 miles of rail trackage in Kanawha

County, WV (subject line), together with associated rail properties. The subject line extends from its northern terminus at an interchange with CSX Transportation, Inc., at CSX Station 670+30, south along Fields Creek, in Cabin Creek District, to its southern terminus.

Kanawha reports that it intends to consummate the transaction upon the effective date of the exemption. The earliest the transaction can be consummated is July 29, 1999 (7 days after the exemption was filed).

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33784, *Penn Virginia Corporation—Continuance in Control Exemption—Kanawha Rail Corp.*, wherein Penn Virginia Corporation has concurrently filed a verified notice to continue in control of Kanawha upon its becoming a Class III rail carrier.

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

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Decided: July 23, 1999.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

General Counsel Designation No. 241; Appointment of Members to the Legal Division Performance Review Board

Under the authority granted to me as General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury by 31 U.S.C. 301 and 26 U.S.C. 7801, Treasury Department Order No. 101-5 (Revised), and pursuant to the Civil Service Reform Act, I hereby appoint the following individuals to the Legal Division Performance Review Board:

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(1) For the General Counsel Panel—
Kenneth R. Schmalzbach, Acting
Deputy General Counsel, who shall
serve as Chairperson
Roberta K. McNerney, Assistant General
Counsel (Banking & Finance);
Stephen J. McHale, Assistant General
Counsel (Enforcement);
Russell L. Munk, Assistant General
Counsel (International Affairs);
Rochelle F. Granat, Acting Assistant
General Counsel (General Law &
Ethics);
Francine J. Kerner, Deputy Assistant
General Counsel (Enforcement);
Marilyn L. Muench, Deputy Assistant
General Counsel (International
Affairs);
Eleni Constantine, Deputy Assistant
General Counsel (Banking & Finance);
John J. Manfreda, Chief Counsel, Bureau
of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms;
Elizabeth B. Anderson, Chief Counsel,
United States Customs Service; and
Walter Eccard, Chief Counsel, Bureau of
Public Debt.

(2) For the Internal Revenue Service
Panel—
Chairperson, Deputy Chief Counsel, IRS;
Deputy General Counsel;
Two Associate Chief Counsel, IRS; and
Two Regional Counsel, IRS.

I hereby delegate to the Chief Counsel
of the Internal Revenue Service the
authority to make the appointments to
the IRS Panel specified in this
Designation and to make the publication
of the IRS Panel as required by 5 U.S.C.
4314(c)(4).

Neal S. Wolin,

Acting General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

[Notice No. 878]

The Department of the Treasury's Odor Recognition Proficiency Standard for Explosives Detection Canines (99R- 235P)

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco
and Firearms (ATF), Department of the
Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Alcohol,
Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) is
announcing the availability of the
Department of the Treasury's Odor
Recognition Proficiency Standard for
Explosives Detection Canines. The
standard has been revised using
solicited input and recommendations
from other Federal law enforcement

agencies that use explosives detection
canines. A copy of the standard is
available to all interested persons.

ADDRESSES: To receive a copy of the
Department of the Treasury's Odor
Recognition Proficiency Standard, send
a written request, on official law
enforcement or government letterhead,
to: Chief, Canine Operations Branch,
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and
Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue,
NW., Room 5100, Washington, DC
20226.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Rhonda Bokorney, Chief, Canine
Operations Branch, Bureau of Alcohol,
Tobacco and Firearms, 650
Massachusetts Avenue, NW.,
Washington, DC 20226 (202-927-8680).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 30, 1996, the Omnibus
Consolidated Appropriations Act of
1997, Public Law 104-208, authorized
the Secretary of the Treasury to
establish a standard for explosives
detection canines. Section 653(a) of the
Act provides the following:

Authorization.—The Secretary of the
Treasury is authorized to establish scientific
certification standards for explosives
detection canines, and shall provide, on a
reimbursable basis, for the certification of
explosives detection canines employed by
Federal agencies, or other agencies providing
explosives detection services at airports in
the United States.

The Secretary of the Treasury
requested the Bureau of Alcohol,
Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) to develop
the standard. On September 29, 1997,
we published in the **Federal Register** a
notice announcing the establishment of
an odor recognition proficiency
standard for explosives detection
canines (Notice No. 97-101; 62 FR
50982). The standard included a
minimum odor recognition proficiency
test which could be used by agencies
that use detection canines. Copies of the
odor recognition proficiency standard
were available to all interested persons.

In Notice No. 97-101, we also stated
that the established odor recognition
proficiency standard would be further
tested and validated. Prior to its being
scientifically validated, the standard
was revised using solicited input and
recommendations from other Federal
law enforcement agencies that use
explosives detection canines.

From May 28, 1998, through February
1999, the Oak Ridge National
Laboratory, managed by Lockheed
Martin Energy Research Corporation for
the U.S. Department of Energy,
conducted an independent assessment
of the validity of the odor recognition
proficiency standard. On March 10,

1999, the Laboratory issued a final
report that concluded the standard and
test are valid for the measure of the
proficiency for detecting explosives
odors at the recognition and alerting
phase of training.

A copy of the revised Department of
the Treasury's Odor Recognition
Proficiency Standard is available to law
enforcement and government agencies.

Authority and Issuance: This notice is
issued under the authority in Sec. 653, Pub.
L. 104-208, 110 Stat. 3009.

Signed: July 23, 1999.

John W. Magaw,

Director.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Notice: Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations

AGENCY: United States Information
Agency.

SUBJECT: Culturally significant objects
imported for exhibition determinations.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the
following determinations: Pursuant to
the authority vested in me by the Act of
October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C.
2459), Executive Order 12047 of March
27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978),
and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June
27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985). I
hereby determine that the objects to be
included in the exhibit "The Golden
Age of Chinese Archaeology Celebrated
Discoveries from the People's Republic
of China" imported from abroad for
temporary exhibition without profit
within the United States, is of cultural
significance. These objects are imported
from abroad for temporary exhibition
without profit within the United States,
is of cultural significance. These objects
are imported pursuant to a loan
agreement with the foreign lender. I also
determine that the exhibition or display
of the listed exhibit objects at the
National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
from on or about September 19, 1999, to
on or about January 2, 2000; at the
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston TX, from
on or about February 13, 2000 to May
7, 2000; and at the Asian Art Museum
of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA,
from on or about June 17, 2000, to on
or about September 11, 2000, is in the
national interest. Public Notice of these
determinations is ordered to be
published in the **Federal Register**.