

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 November 18, 1999, and the issues to be discussed, will be posted on NHTSA's web site (www.nhtsa.dot.gov) by Monday, December 13, 1999, and also will be available at the meeting.

ADDRESSES: Questions for the December 16, NHTSA Rulemaking Status Meeting, relating to the agency's vehicle regulatory program, should be submitted to Delia Lopez, NPS-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, Fax Number 202-366-4329, e-mail dlopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. The meeting will be held at the Tysons Westpark Hotel, 8401 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Delia Lopez, (202) 366-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NHTSA holds a regular, quarterly meeting to answer questions from the public and the regulated industries regarding the agency's vehicle regulatory program. Questions on aspects of the agency's research and development activities that relate directly to ongoing regulatory actions should be submitted, as in the past, to the agency's Safety Performance Standards Office. The purpose of this meeting is to focus on those phases of NHTSA activities which are technical, interpretative or procedural in nature. Transcripts of these meetings will be available for public inspection in the DOT Docket in Washington, DC, within four weeks after the meeting. Copies of the transcript will then be available at ten cents a page, (length has varied from 80 to 150 pages) upon request to DOT Docket, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The DOT Docket is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The transcript may also be accessed electronically at <http://dms.dot.gov>, at docket NHTSA-1999-5087. Questions to be answered at the quarterly meeting should be organized by categories to help us process the questions into an agenda form more efficiently. Sample format:

- I. RULEMAKING
 - A. Crash avoidance
 - B. Crashworthiness
 - C. Other Rulemakings
- II. CONSUMER INFORMATION
- III. MISCELLANEOUS

NHTSA will provide auxiliary aids to participants as necessary. Any person desiring assistance of "auxiliary aids" (e.g., sign-language interpreter, telecommunications devices for deaf persons (TDDs), readers, taped texts,

brailled materials, or large print materials and/or a magnifying device), please contact Delia Lopez on (202) 366-1810, by COB November 18, 1999.

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Stephen R. Kratzke,

Acting Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-520]

Salt Lake City Railroad Company, Inc.—Adverse Abandonment—Line of Utah Transit Authority in Salt Lake City, UT

On September 8, 1999, Utah Transit Authority (UTA) filed an adverse application¹ under 49 U.S.C. 10903 requesting that the Surface Transportation Board (Board) find that the public convenience and necessity require or permit the abandonment by the Salt Lake City Southern Railroad Company, Inc. (SLCS), of a rail line from milepost 798.74 at Ninth South Street in Salt Lake City to the milepost 775.19 at the Salt Lake County/Utah County boundary line near Mount (including the 1.4-mile Lovendahl Spur connecting with the main line at milepost 790.52), a total distance of approximately 24.95 miles in Salt Lake County, UT. The line traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 84101, 84115, 84107, 84047, 84070, 84092 and 84020, and includes the stations of Salt Lake City, Murray, Sandy, Draper and Mount, UT.

UTA states that it is filing the adverse application to remove the Board's jurisdiction over SLCS's common carrier operations and obligations. UTA says that it wants to replace SLCS with the Utah Railway Company (URC) as the operator of its line. URC has filed a notice of exemption to acquire and operate the line in *Utah Railway Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Lines of Utah Transit Authority in Salt Lake City, UT*, STB Finance Docket No. 33785 (STB served Aug. 30, 1999) (64 FR 47229).

UTA, a noncarrier, acquired the underlying right-of-way and track from the Union Pacific Railroad Company. See *Utah Transit Authority—Acquisition Exemption—Line of Union Pacific Railroad Company*, Finance Docket No. 32186 (ICC served Dec. 31,

1992). UTA is apparently using the line for light rail passenger service. SLCS is operating freight service on the line under a permanent easement. See *Salt Lake City Southern Railroad Company, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Line Between Mount and Salt Lake City, UT*, Finance Docket No. 32276 (ICC served Apr. 23, 1993).

In a decision served in this proceeding on August 26, 1999, UTA was granted a waiver of some of the filing requirements of 49 CFR 1152 that were not relevant to its intended adverse abandonment application. However, UTA was required to provide information about the physical condition of the line.

The August 26 decision also noted that the continued viability of freight service would be a relevant issue in this abandonment proceeding. It was also indicated that the Board would be concerned if the common carrier obligation for continued freight service would be impeded by light rail passenger service or by any restrictions or limitations UTA has allegedly placed on freight operations. As a result, UTA was required to provide information in its application about how its light rail service affects freight service to shippers.

UTA was also granted a waiver of the environmental regulations in 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(6) and 1105.8(b)(3) because freight operation would be continued on the line by URC. The decision noted that, even though the proceeding is an abandonment of the line because SLCS holds a permanent easement to operate the line, environmental and historic reporting requirements would indeed be unnecessary for the adverse abandonment application if rail service will be continued by another operator.

In an application by a third party for a determination that the public convenience and necessity permit a line to be discontinued or abandoned, the issue before the Board is whether the public interest requires that the line in question be retained as part of the national rail system. By granting a third party application, the Board withdraws its primary jurisdiction over the line. Questions of the disposition of the line, including the adjudication of various claims of ownership or other rights and obligations, are left to the state or local authorities. *Kansas City Pub. Ser. Frgt. Operation—Exempt.—Aban.*, 7 I.C.C.2d 216, 224-25 (1990).

UTA has served notice of its application on shippers served by the line. Shippers can individually submit protests or comments on the proposal that will be considered by the Board in

¹ An abandonment of a railroad's service sought by a party other than the railroad is called an "adverse" abandonment.

ruling on the merits of the adverse abandonment application.

There is no indication that the line contains any federally granted right-of-way. Any documentation in the UTA's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it. UTA's entire case for adverse abandonment was filed with the application.

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

Any interested person may file written comments concerning the proposed adverse abandonment or protests (including the protestant's entire opposition case), by October 25, 1999. Because this adverse abandonment is the functional equivalent of a discontinuance of trackage rights where rail service would be continued by another operator, trail use/rail banking, and public use requests are not appropriate, and the public interest does not require the consideration of offers of financial assistance. Likewise, no environmental or historical documents are required here.

Persons opposing the proposed adverse abandonment who wish to participate actively and fully in the process should file a protest by October 25, 1999. Persons who may oppose the abandonment but who do not wish to participate fully in the process by submitting verified statements of witnesses containing detailed evidence should file comments by October 25, 1999. Parties seeking information concerning the filing of protests should refer to section 1152.25. The due date for UTA's reply is November 8, 1999.

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-520 and must be sent to (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001 and (2) Kevin M. Sheys, Oppenheimer, Wolff, Donnelly & Bayh, LLP, 1350 I Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005-3324. The original and 10 copies of all comments or protests shall be filed with the Board with a certificate of service. Except as otherwise set forth in part 1152, every document filed with the Board must be served on all parties to the abandonment proceeding. 49 CFR 1104.12(a).

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 regulations at 49 CFR part 1152.

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

Dated: September 16, 1999.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Office of Thrift Supervision

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Suspicious Activity Report

AGENCY: Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board), Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: FinCEN and the Supervisory Agencies (OCC, OTS, Board, FDIC, and NCUA), as part of their continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). FinCEN, OCC, OTS, Board, FDIC, and NCUA are soliciting comments concerning the Suspicious Activity Report, which is being streamlined and formatted for four-digit dates (a Year 2000 change) as explained in this notice. The OCC is also soliciting comments on all information collections contained in 12 CFR Part 21. No new reporting requirements are being added.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 29, 1999, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to any or all of the agencies. All comments, which should refer to the OMB control

number(s), will be shared among the agencies. Direct all written comments as follows:

FinCEN: Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, Suite 200, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna, VA 22182-2536, **Attention:** Revised SAR. Comments also may be submitted by electronic mail to the following Internet address:

"regcomments@fincen.treas.gov" with the caption in the body of the text, "**Attention:** Revised SAR".

OCC: Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Third Floor, Attention: 1557-0180, Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 874-5274, or by electronic mail to REGS.COMMENTS@OCC.TREAS.GOV.

OTS: Manager, Dissemination Branch, Information Management and Services, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, Attention 1550-0003. These submissions may be hand delivered to 1700 G Street, NW., lower level, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on business days; they may be sent by facsimile transmission to FAX Number (202) 906-7755; or they may be sent by e-mail: public.info@ots.treas.gov. Those commenting by e-mail should include their name and telephone number. Comments over 25 pages in length should be sent to FAX Number (202) 906-6956. Comments will be available for inspection at 1700 G Street, NW., until 4 p.m. on business days. Copies of the form are available for inspection at 1700 G Street, NW., from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on business days.

Board: Comments may be mailed to Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20551. Comments also may be delivered to Room B-2222 of the Eccles Building between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. weekdays, or to the guard station in the Eccles Building courtyard on 20th Street, NW. (between Constitution Avenue and C Street) at any time. Comments received will be available for inspection in Room MP-500 of the Martin Building between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, except as provided in 12 CFR 261.8 of the Board's rules regarding availability of information.

FDIC: Written comments should be addressed to Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary, Attention: Comments/OES, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429. Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard