

Dated: June 25, 2001.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3341]

State of Minnesota; Amendment #4

In accordance with a notice received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated June 21, 2001, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include Crow Wing, Kandiyohi, Lake of the Woods and Meeker Counties in the State of Minnesota as disaster areas caused by severe winter storms, flooding and tornadoes occurring between March 23, 2001 and continuing.

Any counties contiguous to the above named primary counties and not listed here have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is July 15, 2001 and for economic injury the deadline is February 15, 2002.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: June 22, 2001.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3350]

State of Pennsylvania

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on June 21, 2001, I find that Bucks and Montgomery Counties in the State of Pennsylvania constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by Tropical Storm Allison occurring on June 15 through 17, 2001. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on August 20, 2001 and for economic injury until the close of business on March 20, 2002 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd., South 3rd Fl., Niagara Falls, NY 14303-1192.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous

counties in Pennsylvania may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Berks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Northampton, and Philadelphia; and Burlington, Hunterdon, Mercer, and Warren counties in the State of New Jersey.

The interest rates are:

| | Percent |
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| For Physical Damage: | |
| Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere | 6.625 |
| Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere | 3.312 |
| Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere | 8.000 |
| Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere | 4.000 |
| Others (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere | 7.125 |
| For Economic Injury: | |
| Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere | 4.000 |

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 335008. For economic injury the number is 9L9700 for Pennsylvania, and 9L9800 for New Jersey.

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Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3347]

State of Texas; Amendment #2

In accordance with a notice received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated June 20, 2001, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to establish the incident period for this disaster as occurring between June 5, 2001 and continuing through June 20, 2001.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is August 8, 2001, and for loans for economic injury is March 8, 2002.

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Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator For Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3339]

State of Wisconsin; Amendment #4

In accordance with a notice received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated June 21, 2001, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include Outagamie and Winnebago Counties as disaster areas caused by flooding, severe storms and tornadoes occurring between April 10, 2001 and continuing.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in Brown, Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Shawano, Waupaca and Waushara Counties in the State of Wisconsin may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location. Any counties contiguous to the above named primary counties and not listed here have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is July 10, 2001 and for economic injury the deadline is February 11, 2002.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: June 22, 2001.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Request for Comment on Articles To Be Considered for Accelerated Tariff Elimination Under the North American Free Trade Agreement

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

ACTION: Notice of articles proposed for accelerated tariff elimination under the North American Free Trade Agreement and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Section 201(b) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act ("the Act") (19 U.S.C 3331(b)) grants the President, subject to the consultation and layover

requirements of section 103(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C 3313(a)), the authority to proclaim any accelerated schedule for duty elimination that the United States may agree to with Mexico or Canada regarding the staging of any duty treatment set forth in Annex 302.2 of the North American Free Trade Agreement ("the NAFTA"). This notice is intended to inform the public of the list of products with respect to which the United States has received petitions to accelerate the elimination of duties for Mexican products entering the United States and for U.S. products entering Mexico, and to request comment on these articles.

DATES: Although USTR will accept any comments received during the course of its review, comments should be submitted on or before July 15, 2001, in order to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kent Shigetomi, Director, Mexico and NAFTA Affairs, Office of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Room 523, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508; telephone: (202) 395-3412; fax: (202) 395-9517. The list of products with respect to which the United States has received petitions can be obtained from the USTR Internet Web Page, at www.ustr.gov under [World Regions/Western Hemisphere/North American Free Trade Agreement/NAFTA Reports and Publications/2001 Tariff Acceleration].

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Article 302(3) of the NAFTA provides that two or more Parties to the NAFTA may consider and agree to accelerate the elimination of customs duties set out in their schedules. Since the NAFTA was implemented, the NAFTA governments have completed three rounds of accelerated tariff elimination, in 1994, 1997, and 2000. All duties between the United States and Canada covered by the NAFTA were eliminated on January 1, 1998, so the last two tariff acceleration rounds consisted of two parallel agreements, one between the U.S. and Mexico, and the other between Canada and Mexico.

As part of the third round of tariff acceleration, on May 27, 1999, USTR published a **Federal Register** notice (64 FR 28857) soliciting petitions from interested persons regarding products for which accelerated tariff elimination would be appropriate. The **Federal Register** notice also allowed for annual consideration of new requests, with a closing date of March 1.

USTR received two petitions requesting accelerated elimination of

duties on a number of products. The Annexes to this notice list the products for which petitions were filed. Annex I lists subheadings in the Mexican Tariff Schedule of the General Import Duty Act that are proposed for accelerated tariff elimination with respect to goods of the United States. Subsequent to the negotiation of a trade agreement between the European Union and Mexico in 2000, the United States identified 40 products for which the U.S. tariff was already zero, but Mexico's tariff on imports from the U.S. was higher than Mexico's tariff on imports from the European Union. The U.S. is seeking to accelerate the elimination of Mexican duties on these items. These goods are marked with an asterisk (*). Annex II to this notice lists the subheadings in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTS") that are proposed for accelerated tariff elimination with respect to goods of Mexico.

The Mexican Tarifa de la Ley del Impuesto General de Importacion (Tariff Schedule of the General Import Duty Act) should be consulted for a description of the articles covered in the tariff subheadings in Annex I. A description of the articles covered by the HTS subheadings in Annex II is available on the web site of the United States International Trade Commission, www.usitc.gov. An Internet source for tariff subheading descriptions of the United States and Mexico is www.apectariff.org.

USTR invites comments on the advisability of accelerated tariff elimination with respect to the subheadings listed in the annexes to this notice. The U.S. and Mexico will consider accelerated tariff elimination for all products falling under these subheadings. However, acceleration for a subset of the articles covered in a particular subheading will be considered in the alternative, as necessary. Thus, comments should specify if only a subset of all products is of concern to the commenting party.

Request for Comment

Comments should be submitted either via electronic mail to nafta2001@ustr.gov, or in ten type-written copies to the address specified above. USTR prefers that comments be submitted via electronic mail whenever possible. All submissions *must* specify: (1) The tariff subheadings to which the comments refer, and the importing and exporting NAFTA countries (e.g., goods of the United States exported to Mexico, or goods of Mexico exported to the United States); (2) the name, address and telephone number of the person,

firm or organization making the comments; and (3) an indication as to whether the submitter represents a producer, importer, exporter, consumer (or any combination), or other party (please specify interest), for each country (for example, a producer and exporter in the United States, and an importer in Mexico). Submissions not meeting these requirements will not be considered.

Comments submitted to USTR will be available for public inspection in the USTR public reading room. Submitters who wish to exempt information from public disclosure should comply with the requirements of 19 CFR 2003.6 regarding submissions containing business confidential information. In addition, such persons should submit a public version of their comments. Submissions containing business confidential information should be submitted in hard copy, rather than by electronic mail.

ITC and Advisory Committee Advice

Pursuant to section 103 of the Act (19 U.S.C. 3313), USTR will request the advice of the United States International Trade Commission concerning the probable economic effect on U.S. industries producing like or directly competitive articles, and on consumers, of the proposed accelerated tariff eliminations with respect to the subheadings listed in Annex II. USTR will also obtain the advice of the appropriate private sector advisory committees.

Bennett Harman,

Acting Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the Western Hemisphere.

Annex I; List of Proposed Subheadings for Which Mexico Would Accelerate the Elimination of Duties for NAFTA Qualifying Goods of the United States

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| 3002.10.08* | 6404.11.01 | 8527.29.99* |
| 3004.90.20* | 6404.19.99 | 8531.90.99* |
| 3005.10.99* | 6404.20.01 | 8536.20.99* |
| 3006.30.01* | 6406.10.01 | 8536.90.11* |
| 3209.90.99* | 7307.22.10* | 8536.90.16* |
| 3401.11.01* | 8426.41.02 | 8536.90.17* |
| 3402.12.02* | 8426.41.99 | 8548.90.01* |
| 3402.20.99* | 8427.10.03 | 8548.90.03* |
| 3904.90.99* | 8427.10.99 | 8607.11.01* |
| 3908.10.04* | 8427.20.01 | 8704.23.99* |
| 4819.20.01* | 8427.20.01* | 8704.32.03* |
| 6401.10.01 | 8429.20.01* | 8704.32.05* |
| 6401.91.01 | 8481.80.24* | 8705.10.01* |
| 6402.92.99 | 8481.90.04* | 8705.20.99* |
| 6402.99.99 | 8504.40.11* | 9032.10.03* |
| 6402.30.99 | 8509.10.01* | 9501.00.02* |
| 6402.91.01 | 8509.40.01* | 9502.10.01* |
| 6402.99.99 | 8509.40.03* | 9503.41.01* |
| 6404.11.99 | 8509.90.99* | |

Annex II; List of Proposed Subheadings for Which the United States Would Accelerate the Elimination of Duties for NAFTA Qualifying Goods of Mexico

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| 6401.10.00 | 6402.91.90 | 6404.19.25 |
| 6401.91.00 | 6402.99.20 | 6404.19.30 |
| 6401.92.90 | 6402.99.30 | 6404.19.60 |
| 6401.99.30 | 6402.99.60 | 6404.19.80 |
| 6401.99.60 | 6402.99.70 | 6404.20.60 |
| 6401.99.90 | 6402.99.80 | 6404.19.35 |
| 6402.30.50 | 6402.99.90 | 6404.19.50 |
| 6402.30.70 | 6404.11.20 | 6404.19.70 |
| 6402.30.80 | 6404.44.50 | 6404.20.20 |
| 6402.30.90 | 6404.11.60 | 6404.20.40 |
| 6402.91.50 | 6404.11.70 | 6406.10.05 |
| 6402.91.60 | 6404.11.80 | 6406.10.10 |
| 6402.91.70 | 6404.19.15 | 6406.10.20 |
| 6402.91.80 | 6404.19.20 | 6406.10.45 |

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board****[STB Finance Docket No. 33981]****Three Notch Railroad Co., Inc.—
Acquisition, Lease and Operation
Exemption—Alabama & Florida
Railway Company**

Three Notch Railroad Co., Inc. (TNR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to: (1) Acquire from Alabama & Florida Railway Company (A&F), its rights and interest in, and to operate, an approximately 34-mile rail line extending approximately from right-of-way station 22+57, at the interchange point with CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), in Georgiana, AL, to A&F milepost 581.3, in Andalusia, AL (Georgiana Line); (2) take assignment of A&F's lease with CSXT to the extent it pertains to the right-of-way underlying the Georgiana Line; and (3) take assignment of A&F's lease with Andalusia & Conecuh Railroad Company (A&C) for the lease and operation of the rail line extending approximately from milepost S428+4706 feet to milepost S425+5170 feet, in Andalusia (A&C Line), in Covington, Butler and Conecuh Counties, AL. The A&C Line connects with the Georgiana Line in Andalusia.¹

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or shortly after June 8, 2001, the effective date of the exemption.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33982, *Gulf & Ohio Railways Holding Co., Inc., H. Peter Claussen and Linda C. Claussen—Continuance in Control Exemption—Three Notch Railroad Co., Inc.*, wherein Gulf & Ohio Railways Holding Co., Inc.

¹ TNR certifies that its annual revenue will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and that its annual revenue are not projected to exceed \$5 million.

(GORH), H. Peter Claussen and Linda C. Claussen² have concurrently filed a verified notice to continue in control of TNR 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 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. 33981, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Troy W. Garris, Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 19th Street, NW., Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1609.

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Decided: June 22, 2001.

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. 34058]****Union Pacific Railroad Company—
Trackage Rights Exemption—The
Burlington Northern and Santa Fe
Railway Company**

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has agreed to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) over 136.5 miles of BNSF trackage extending from BNSF milepost 2.7, near Pasco, WA, to BNSF milepost 11.8, near Spokane, WA.¹

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on June 26, 2001. The

² H. Peter Claussen and Linda C. Claussen, who wholly own GORH, also own and control H&S Railroad, Inc., which operates in Alabama.

¹ On June 18, 2001, UP concurrently filed a petition for exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 34058 (Sub-No. 1), *Union Pacific Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company*, wherein UP requests that the Board permit the proposed temporary overhead trackage rights arrangement described in the present proceeding to expire on September 4, 2001. That petition will be addressed by the Board in a separate decision.

temporary trackage rights will facilitate maintenance work on UP's lines.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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. 34058 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Robert T. Opal, Esq., Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179.

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Decided: June 22, 2001.

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. 33982]****Gulf & Ohio Railways Holding Co., Inc.,
H. Peter Claussen and Linda C.
Claussen—Continuance in Control
Exemption—Three Notch Railroad Co.,
Inc.**

Gulf & Ohio Railways Holding Co., Inc. (GORH), a noncarrier, and H. Peter and Linda C. Claussen (Claussens), have filed a notice of exemption to continue in control of Three Notch Railroad Co., Inc. (TNR), upon TNR's becoming a carrier.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after June 8, 2001, the effective date of the exemption.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33981, *Three Notch Railroad Co., Inc.—Acquisition, Lease and Operation Exemption—Alabama & Florida Railway Company*, wherein