

Further, § 543.9(c)(2) provides for the submission of petitions "to modify an exemption to permit the use of an antitheft device similar to but differing from the one specified in that exemption."

The agency wishes to minimize the administrative burden that part 543.9(c)(2) could place on exempted vehicle manufacturers and itself. The agency did not intend part 543 to require the submission of a modification petition for every change to the components or design of an antitheft device. The significance of many such changes could be *de minimis*. Therefore, NHTSA suggests that if the manufacturer contemplates making any changes the effects of which might be characterized as *de minimis*, it should consult the agency before preparing and submitting a petition to modify.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 33106; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

Issued on: October 13, 2005.

Stephen R. Kratzke,

Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-03-15852]

Pipeline Safety: Workshops on Public Awareness Programs for Pipeline Operators

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of workshops.

SUMMARY: PHMSA and the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR) will host two workshops to help ensure full compliance with new public awareness program requirements for pipeline operators. PHMSA will provide an update on the compliance review plan. In addition, these workshops will provide a forum to share strategies for implementing these new requirements successfully. Participants can learn about collaborative efforts undertaken in different sectors of the pipeline industry to improve both the effectiveness and efficiency of their related programs.

DATES: The November workshop will focus on helping gas distribution operators improve their public awareness programs. It will be held on November 9-10, 2005. The December workshop will focus on helping

hazardous liquid and gas transmission operators improve their public awareness programs. It will be held on December 7-8, 2005. Both workshops will begin at 1 p.m. on the first day and end at noon on the second day.

ADDRESSES: The November 9-10, 2005, workshop will be held at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore on the Inner Harbor, 300 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. Hotel reservations under the U.S. Department of Transportation room block can be made at 410-528-1234 or 1-800-233-1234. The meeting room will be posted at the hotel on the day of workshop.

The December 7-8, 2005, meeting will be held at the Hilton America, 1600 Lamar Street, Houston, TX 77010. Hotel reservations under the U.S. Department of Transportation room block can be made at 713-739-8000 or 1-800-4HILTON. The meeting room will be posted at the hotel on the day of workshop.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Blaine Keener, OPS, (202) 366-0970, blaine.keener@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Registration: To register for the workshops, select the workshop you would like to attend from <http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/>. Hotel reservations must be made by contacting the hotel directly.

Web Casting: Both workshops will be Web cast and will be available for one month after each workshop. The Web cast Internet address will be posted to the registration Web page prior to the workshop.

Background: The Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 requires operators to evaluate and, where needed, improve their pipeline safety public awareness programs. The Act also authorized the Secretary of Transportation to prescribe standards to govern these programs. Accordingly, PHMSA issued a Final Rule (70 FR 28833) on May 19, 2005, establishing requirements for pipeline operator public awareness programs. This Final Rule revised 49 CFR 192.616 and 195.440.

The revised regulations require operators of pipeline systems to implement public awareness programs in accordance with American Petroleum Institute (API) Recommended Practice (RP) 1162, *Public Awareness Programs for Pipeline Operators*, First Edition, December 2003. On June 16, 2005, PHMSA issued a Final Rule Correction Notice (70 FR 35041) to clarify that all pipeline system operators must follow the baseline and, where appropriate, the supplemental requirements of API RP

1162. Most operators must enhance their public awareness programs to meet the new requirements by June 20, 2006. Small propane and master meter operators have until June 20, 2007, to revise their programs. The announced workshops will provide additional guidance to operators as they revise their public awareness programs.

PHMSA has created a public awareness resource Web page at <http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/PublicEducation.htm>.

PHMSA and NAPSR will begin each workshop with a brief presentation on the Public Awareness Program Final Rule and the Final Rule Correction. Industry presentations will describe efforts industry has undertaken to ensure effective and efficient compliance with these rules, including guidance on how to:

- Determine the content of public awareness messages;
- Establish delivery methods for public awareness messages;
- Determine supplemental enhancements to baseline programs; and
- Evaluate public awareness program effectiveness.

PHMSA and NAPSR will discuss oversight plans. In particular, they will discuss current plans to use a central clearinghouse approach to review public awareness programs. Finally, PHMSA will respond to frequently asked questions.

PHMSA will post agendas for the workshops on its Web site (<http://phmsa.dot.gov/>) approximately two weeks prior to the workshop.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 13, 2005.

Stacey L. Gerard,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 656 (Sub-No. 1)]

Investigation Into the Practices of the National Classification Committee

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Request for comments from interested persons.

SUMMARY: The Board is commencing an investigation into the practices of the National Classification Committee (NCC), which administers the motor carrier classification system for its motor carrier members pursuant to an agreement approved by the Board under 49 U.S.C. 13703. The purpose of this

investigation is to develop a more thorough record regarding charges of abuse of market power by NCC, in its practices generally, and particularly with its action changing the classification of lighting products and fixtures in 2004.

DATES: Opening comments may be filed by persons opposing renewal of NCC's bureau agreement by November 18, 2005. NCC may file reply comments by December 8, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Any filing submitted in this proceeding must refer to STB Ex Parte No. 656 (Sub-No. 1) and must be submitted either via the Board's e-filing format or in the traditional paper format. Any person using e-filing should comply with the instructions found on the Board's <http://www.stb.dot.gov> Web site, at the "E-FILING" link. Any person submitting a filing in the traditional paper format should send an original and 10 paper copies of the filing (and also an IBM-compatible floppy disk with any textual submission in any version of either Microsoft Word or WordPerfect) to: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. Because all comments will be posted to the Board's Web site, persons filing them with the Board need not serve them on other participants but must furnish a hard copy on request to any participant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph H. Dettmar (202) 565-1609. (Federal Information Relay Service for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information on this proceeding appears in the Board's decision in this proceeding. This decision will be published on the Board's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>, under docket number STB Ex Parte No. 656 (Sub-No. 1). Board filings, decisions, and notices are available at this site.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Decided: October 12, 2005.

By the Board, Chairman Nober, Vice Chairman Buttrey, and Commissioner Mulvey.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34758]

RailAmerica, Inc., et al.—Control Exemption—Point Comfort and Northern Railway Company, Rockdale, Sandow & Southern Railroad Company, The Massena Terminal Railroad Company, and Bauxite & Northern Railway Company

RailAmerica, Inc. (RailAmerica), Palm Beach Rail Holding, Inc. (Palm Beach), and RailAmerica Transportation Corp. (RTC), have filed a notice of exemption to permit RailAmerica, Palm Beach, and RTC to acquire control of Point Comfort and Northern Railway Company (PCNR), Rockdale, Sandow & Southern Railroad Company (RSSR), The Massena Terminal Railroad Company (MTRC), and Bauxite & Northern Railway Company (BXNR) by purchase of all of their stock from Alcoa, Inc. PCNR, RSSR, MTRC, and BXNR are Class III carriers. PCNR and RSSR operate in Texas, MTRC operates in New York and BXNR operates in Arkansas.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after September 30, 2005.

RailAmerica directly controls one Class II rail carrier and 26 Class III rail carriers. In addition, RailAmerica directly controls Palm Beach, which in turn directly controls RTC.

Applicants state that: (i) The rail lines involved in this transaction do not connect with any rail lines now controlled, directly or indirectly by RailAmerica; (ii) this transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect any of these rail lines with each other; and (iii) this transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, this transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

The purpose of this transaction is to make the efficiencies and economies of the RailAmerica structure available to PCNR, RSSR, MTRC, and BXNR.

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. Because the transaction involves at least one Class II and one or more Class III rail carriers, the exemption is subject to the labor protection requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11326(b).

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. 34758, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Louis E. Gitomer, Of Counsel, Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: October 11, 2005.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 13, 2005.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Dates: Written comments should be received on or before November 18, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-0718.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Employer's Monthly Federal Tax Return.

Form: IRS form 941-M.

Description: Form 941-M is used by certain employers to report payroll taxes on a monthly rather than quarterly basis. Employers who have failed to file form 941 or who have failed to deposit taxes as required are notified by the District Director that they must file form 941-M monthly.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit and individuals and households.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 166,320 hours.