

12207, Telephone: 518-431-4125 or, Subimal Chakraborti, P.E., Regional Director, New York State Department of Transportation, Region 10, State Office Building, 250 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788, Telephone: 631-952-6632.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), will prepare an EIS that will study and document the proposed development of the LIRTIF (Project Identification Number 0339.12). An overview of the need for the project and the environmental process to be followed is provided below.

Long Island is one of the nation's largest consumer markets, with its population of over 2.4 million expected to increase to over 3 million in the next 25 years. Freight movement on Long Island is currently handled almost exclusively by truck, with roughly 1% of freight (by tonnage) handled by rail compared to a national average of over 15%. The development of the LIRTIF would improve the efficiency of freight service, generate economic benefit, reduce Long Island's dependence on truck freight and improve site access. The Pilgrim site was determined to be the best of the possible locations based on its (1) accessibility to the Long Island Expressway; (2) central location near the core of Long Island's main developed areas; (3) direct access to the Long Island Rail Road; and (4) available parcel size of roughly 120 acres, which provides sufficient space to meet potential intermodal freight demand.

The intent of the LIRTIF EIS is to develop a feasible design and operating plan for an intermodal freight facility at the project site, disclose any potentially significant adverse impacts associated with the project's construction or operation, and identify and assess the effectiveness of measures to mitigate such impacts. The EIS will consider all reasonable alternative designs and configurations to meet the need for a modern, efficient intermodal facility that will mitigate and reduce any adverse impacts. During the public scoping process, based on input from other agencies, elected officials, community and business groups and the general public, reasonable alternatives will be developed and screened for their ability to meet the project's needs and objectives and to determine the scope of issues to be addressed. The feasible alternatives will be evaluated in detail in the Draft EIS (DEIS).

Options to be considered as part of the EIS are a No Build alternative, with no changes made at the site, and various

Build alternatives. In defining the various Build alternatives, factors to be considered include various site configurations to provide the required bulk, intermodal and specialty shipment operations combined with different truck access routes from the site to the Long Island Expressway. Options being considered for access to the site include (a) the local roadways that currently allow truck traffic, (b) creating direct connections to the adjacent Sagtikos State Parkway, and (c) developing a direct connector road to the Long Island Expressway within the Sagtikos State Parkway right-of-way.

Rail access to the facility is expected to be along the existing spur from the LIRR, with a number of alignment variations to be considered within the existing rail corridor directly south of the project site.

The EIS will assess the potential for the proposed project alternatives to have a significant adverse impact in a wide range of socioeconomic, transportation and environmental impact areas, include traffic and transit operations, noise and air quality, water quality, terrestrial ecology and wetlands, hazardous waste and visual resources, land use and neighborhood character, cultural and historic resources, and community facilities and services, including parkland. These studies will focus primarily on the project site and the immediately surrounding communities.

The formal scoping process will involve the following:

1. A Public Scoping Meeting, to be held on June 30, 2004 to provide the public with information about the project, and to assist in formulating the scope of the environmental studies in the EIS. NYSDOT will provide information about the project and the scope of the EIS. Comments on the project and on the scope of the EIS will then be received from the public. NYSDOT personnel and project team members will be available at the meeting to answer questions. The public scoping meeting will be at:

Date & Time: June 30, 2004, 4 p.m.–8 p.m.

Location: Brentwood North Middle School, 350 Wicks Road, Brentwood, NY 11717

This meeting will be run in an informal, open-house style and will allow the general public the opportunity to make comments both in writing and in person.

2. Scoping discussions with other agencies, particularly those with a direct or indirect involvement in the proposed project, the project area and the rail corridor serving the project site.

Scoping Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who may have interest in this project.

The LIRTIF EIS will include an extensive public involvement process to maximize the opportunities for interested stakeholders to find out about the project, to follow its progress through the DEIS process, and to comment on issues of concern. A key part of the public involvement process will be the distribution of the DEIS for public and agency review and comment, including a DEIS public hearing to obtain comments on the project and the conclusions presented in that document. Public notice will be given of the time and place of that hearing.

Throughout the scoping process, comments and suggestions are invited on the scope of issues to be addressed and the proposed LIRTIF project from any interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to NYSDOT or FHWA at the addresses provided above. Comments can also be faxed to Thomas Daley, P.E., NYSDOT, at 631-952-6569.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372, which foster State and local government coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development, apply to this program).

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 23 CFR 771.123.

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Douglas P. Conlan,

District Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, New York Division, Albany, NY.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-384 (Sub-No. 1X)]

Delta Southern Railroad, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—Between Lake Village, AR, and Shelburn, LA

Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. (DSR), has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 30.0-mile portion of its Lake Providence Line, between milepost 433.0, near Lake Village, AR, and milepost 463.0, near Shelburn, LA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 70653, 71254, and 71640.

DSR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic 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 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 July 10, 2004, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by June 21, 2004. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by June 30, 2004, with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to DSR's representative: Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., 208 South LaSalle Street—Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604-1112.

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

BNSF has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the

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 (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,100. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by June 15, 2004. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1539. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.) Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), DSR shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by DSR's filing of a notice of consummation by June 10, 2005, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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

Decided: June 3, 2004.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 4868; Correction

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Correction to notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to a notice and request for comments, which was published in the *Federal Register* on Friday, May 21, 2004 (69 FR 29349). This notice relates to a comment request on proposed collection on Form 4868.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allan Hopkins (202) 622-6665 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The notice and request for comments that is the subject of this correction is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

Need for Correction

As published, the comment request for Form 4868 contains an error which may prove to be misleading and is in need of clarification.

Correction of Publication

Accordingly, the publication of the comment request for Form 4868, which was the subject of FR Doc. 04-11584, is corrected as follows:

On page 29349, column 2, under the caption **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**, the language, "*Title: Mortgage Interest Credit.*" is corrected to read "*Title: Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return.*"

Cynthia E. Grigsby,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Notice 89-102

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Notice 89-102, Treatment of Acquisition of Certain Financial Institutions; Tax Consequences of Federal Financial Assistance.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 9, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.