

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4656]

Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law: Study Group on International Transport Law: Meeting Notice

There will be a public meeting of a Study Group of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law on Tuesday, April 20, 2004, to consider the draft instrument on the International Transport Law, under negotiation at the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). The meeting will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the offices of Holland & Knight, Suite 100, 2099 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

The purpose of the Study Group meeting is to assist the Departments of State and Transportation in determining the U.S. views for the next meeting of the UNCITRAL Working Group on this draft instrument, to be held in New York from May 3 to 14, 2004.

The current draft text of the instrument and related documents of Working Group III (Transport Law) are available on the UNCITRAL Web site, <http://www.uncitral.org>. The Study Group meeting is open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room. Persons who wish to have their views considered are encouraged to submit written comments in advance of the meeting. Comments should refer to Docket number MARAD-2001-11135. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20490-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document, along with all documents entered into this docket, is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>. For further information, you may contact Mary Helen Carlson at 202-776-8420, or by e-mail at carlsonmh@state.gov.

Dated: April 2, 2004.

Mary Helen Carlson,
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY 272]

Delegation of Authority: Office of the Under Secretary for Management, Department of State

1. General Delegation

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Delegation No. 198, dated September 16, 1992, I hereby delegate to the Director of the Office of Foreign Missions and the Deputy Director of the Office of Foreign Missions all functions relating to certifications and reports to Congress regarding the payment by countries of parking fines and penalties owed to the government of the District of Columbia, the City of New York, or any other jurisdiction, and required by section 544 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2004 (Div. D, Pub. L. 108-199) or any other similar provision of law.

2. Technical Provisions

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this Delegation of Authority, the Secretary of State or the Deputy Secretary of State or the Under Secretary for Management may at any time exercise any function delegated by this Delegation of Authority.

(b) Any act, executive order, regulation or procedure affected by this delegation shall be deemed to be such act, executive order, regulation or procedure as amended from time to time.

(c) This Delegation of Authority shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 17, 2004.

Grant Green, Jr.,

Under Secretary of State for Management, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34458]

The Kansas City Southern Railway 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 non-exclusive overhead trackage rights to the Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCS) over a portion of BNSF's railroad, on BNSF's Fort Worth subdivision between milepost 386.80 near Metro Junction, Denton

County, TX, and BNSF's Red Rock subdivision milepost 479.81 near Davis, Murray County, OK, a total distance of approximately 93.01 miles.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after March 29, 2004, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the notice was filed).

The purpose of the trackage rights is to allow KCS to handle its own non-revenue, company material ballast trains, using its own power and crews, over the subject trackage to and from the ballast facility operated by Martin Marietta near Davis. The trackage rights are overhead rights only and KCS has no right to: (1) Set out, pick up or store cars, or switch upon the subject trackage, or any part thereof, except as necessary for handling equipment that is bad ordered en route; (2) handle any traffic other than KCS company material ballast trains; (3) serve any industry, team or house track now existing or constructed in the future along the subject trackage; or (4) permit or admit any third party to the use of all or any portion of the subject trackage.

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 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. 34458, 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 William A. Mullins, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: April 2, 2004.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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