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## II. Committee Background

The TPSSC and the THLPSSC are statutorily mandated advisory committees that advise PHMSA on proposed safety standards for gas and hazardous liquid pipelines. The TPSSC and the THLPSSC are established under section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1) and the pipeline safety law (49 U.S.C. Chap. 601). Each committee consists of 15 members—five each representing government, industry, and the public.

The pipeline safety law requires PHMSA to seek the TPSSC's or the THLPSSC's advice on the reasonableness, cost-effectiveness, and practicability of each proposed pipeline safety standard. The pipeline safety law also requires PHMSA to submit the cost-benefit analysis and risk assessment information associated with the proposed standard to the appropriate committee. The committees evaluate the merits of the data and, when appropriate, provide recommendations on the adequacy of the analyses.

## III. Preliminary Meeting Schedule

On Wednesday, April 25, the THLPSSC will discuss and vote on a proposal to extend pipeline safety regulations to the unregulated hazardous liquid gathering lines and low-stress pipelines and, if available, on a supplemental proposal PHMSA is developing. The THLPSSC discussed the proposal and potential changes needed to address the requirements of the Pipeline Integrity, Protection, Enforcement and Safety Act of 2006 (PIPES Act) at its last meeting on February 12, 2007. The committees will meet in joint session following conclusion of the THLPSSC meeting. Committees will discuss PHMSA's strategic plan and how PHMSA is including PIPES Act direction in moving forward on initiatives underway. Among the topics discussed

will be underground damage prevention, including civil penalty enforcement authority; status of compliance with public awareness requirements; and development of criteria for community grants.

On Thursday, April 26, PHMSA will conduct a public meeting to discuss how to handle anticipated requests for variance from the seven-year reassessment interval required as part of a gas transmission integrity management program. The method under consideration is the use of PHMSA's authority to grant special permits allowing variance from regulatory requirements. Following conclusion of the public meeting, the TPSSC will discuss and vote on a proposal to relax regulatory requirements governing public awareness programs conducted by operators of master meter systems and certain operators of petroleum gas systems.

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**Jeffrey D. Wiese,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub-No. 5) (2007-2)]

#### Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

**SUMMARY:** The Board has approved the second quarter 2007 rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. The second quarter 2007 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.147. The second quarter 2007 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.537. The second quarter 2007 RCAF-5 is 0.511.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* April 1, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mac Frampton, (202) 245-0317. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Additional information is contained in the Board's decision, which is available on our Web site <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, e-mail or call the Board's contractor, ASAP Document Solutions;

9332 Annapolis Rd., Suite 103, Lanham, MD 20706; e-mail [asqpd@verizon.net](mailto:asqpd@verizon.net); phone (202) 306-4004. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS: 1-800-877-8339.]

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

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Decided: March 16, 2007.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-1006X]

#### New York & Greenwood Lake Railway—Abandonment Exemption—in Passaic, Passaic County, NJ

New York & Greenwood Lake Railway (NYGL) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152, subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon an approximately .7-mile line of railroad between milepost 1.1, near the intersection of South and Fourth Streets, and the end of the line at milepost 1.8, near the intersection of Canal and Monroe Streets, in Passaic, Passaic County, NJ.

NYGL has certified that: (1) No local or overhead traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) overhead traffic, if there were any, could 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 Surface Transportation 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