

safety programs conducted at the State and local level. The revised guidelines will emphasize areas of national concern and highlight effective countermeasures.

The February 9, 2006 notice announced a comment due date of March 13, 2006. In a letter dated February 22, 2006, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation asked NHTSA for an extension of this due date. Although the letter did not indicate a specific length for the requested extension, the explanation for the requested extension was that "the motorcycling community should have more than thirty three calendar days to dissect and address all of the eleven recommendations put forth in the **Federal Register** on February 9th, 2006." We interpret the reference to the "eleven recommendations" to apply to the eleven (11) subparts of the proposed revised motorcycle safety guideline.

After considering the request for additional time to consider the proposed motorcycle safety guideline, NHTSA has decided that it is in the public interest to grant the request. In granting this request, the agency is mindful that early publication of the revised highway safety guidelines is important in light of the new motorcyclist safety grant program authorized in section 2010 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Pub. L. 109-59. Therefore, NHTSA extends until March 27, 2006 the closing date for submission of comments for all six (6) proposed highway safety guidelines published on February 9, 2006. To the extent possible, comments filed after this extended closing date will also be considered. However, the final guidelines may be published at any time after that date. The agency will continue to file relevant material in the docket as it becomes available after the closing date, and it is recommended that interested persons continue to examine the docket for new material.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34837]

BNSF Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), between UP "North Jct." milepost 242.57 on UP's Lost Springs Subdivision, and UP milepost 481.96 on UP's Wichita Industrial Lead.

BNSF indicates that the transaction was to be consummated on February 22, 2006, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

The purpose of the trackage rights is to facilitate overhead movement of BNSF cars between BNSF's yard in Wichita, KS, and the Frisco Lead (BNSF's rail line severed by removal of railroad crossing diamonds at Washington Street in Wichita).

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. 34837, 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 Sidney L. Strickland, Jr., 3050 K Street NW., Suite 101, Washington, DC 20007.

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

Decided: February 22, 2006.

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 Docket No. AB-307 (Sub-No. 6X)]

Wyoming and Colorado Railroad Company, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Carbon County, WY

On February 10, 2006, Wyoming and Colorado Railroad Company, Inc. (WYCO) filed with the Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a 23.71-mile line of railroad between milepost 0.57, near Walcott and milepost 24.28, at Saratoga, in Carbon County, WY. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 82331 and 82335 and includes no stations.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by May 31, 2006.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,200 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than March 22, 2006. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$200 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-307 (Sub-No. 6X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Karl Morell, Of Counsel, Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005. Replies to the WYCO petition are due on or before March 22, 2006.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance