

personal and business nature, and credit card information so that the Department can receive reimbursement.

*Methodology:*

This information will be collected in hard copy format, which is either mailed or transmitted by facsimile machine to the Foreign Service Institute.

Dated: August 26, 2008.

**Catherine J. Russell,**

*Executive Director, Foreign Service Institute, Department of State.*

[FR Doc. E8-21126 Filed 9-10-08; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4710-34-P**

## TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

### Meeting of the TVA Regional Resource Stewardship Council

**AGENCY:** Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The TVA Regional Resource Stewardship Council (RRSC) will hold a meeting on October 9 and October 10, 2008, to obtain views and advice on the topic of TVA's Commercial and Dispersed Recreation Strategy and its Violations & Encroachments Strategy.

The RRSC was established to advise TVA on its natural resource stewardship activities. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, (FACA).

The meeting agenda includes the following:

- (1) TVA Updates;
- (2) TVA's Environmental Policy and a summary of the RRSC Recommendations on Stewardship Issues;
- (3) TVA's Commercial Recreation Strategy;
- (4) TVA's Dispersed Recreation Strategy;
- (5) TVA's Violations & Encroachments Strategy;
- (6) Public Comments;
- (7) Council Discussion and Advice.

The TVA Regional Resource Stewardship Council will hear opinions and views of citizens by providing a public comment session. The public comment session will be held at 9:30 a.m., EDT, on Friday, October 10.

Persons wishing to speak are requested to register at the door by 9 a.m., EDT, on October 10 and will be called on during the public comment period. Handout materials should be limited to one printed page. Written comments are also invited and may be mailed to the Regional Resource Stewardship Council, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT 11B, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 9, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., EDT, and on Friday, October 10, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Auditorium of the TVA Headquarters at 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, and will be open to the public. Anyone needing special access or accommodations should let the contact below know at least a week in advance.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beth Keel, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT 11B, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, (865) 632-6113.

Dated: September 5, 2008.

**Peyton T. Hairston, Jr.,**

*Senior Vice President, Corporate Responsibility & Diversity, Tennessee Valley Authority.*

[FR Doc. E8-21201 Filed 9-10-08; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 8120-08-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

#### Sunshine Act Meetings; Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**TIME AND DATE:** October 9, 2008, 12 noon to 3 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

**PLACE:** This meeting will take place telephonically. Any interested person may call Mr. Avelino Gutierrez at (505) 827-4565 to receive the toll free number and pass code needed to participate in these meetings by telephone.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors (the Board) will continue its work in developing and implementing the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement and to that end, may consider matters properly before the Board.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Avelino Gutierrez, Chair, Unified Carrier Registration Board of Directors at (505) 827-4565.

Dated: September 9, 2008.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.*

[FR Doc. E8-21324 Filed 9-9-08; 4:15 pm]

**BILLING CODE 4910-EX-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34992]

#### Itasca County Regional Rail Authority—Petition for Exemption—Construction of a Line of Railroad in Itasca County, MN

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Issuance of a decision granting an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 to construct a 9-mile rail line in Itasca County, MN.

**SUMMARY:** By petition filed on March 9, 2007, the Itasca County Regional Rail Authority, a noncarrier, seeks an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 to construct a 9-mile rail line from a connection with an existing rail line at Taconite, MN, to the site of a new steel mill to be built by Minnesota Steel Industries LLC at Nashwauk, MN, all located in Itasca County. The Board's decision served in this proceeding on September 8, 2008, grants the requested exemption and authorizes the construction, subject to environmental mitigation measures recommended in the Post Environmental Assessment (Post EA).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 245-0395. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: 1-800-877-8339].

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a decision served on May 14, 2007, the Board instituted a proceeding under 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) conducted an environmental review of the proposed construction and alternatives to the proposal. An Environmental Assessment (EA), prepared by SEA, was issued for public review and comment on March 28, 2008. SEA then prepared a Post EA dated June 30, 2008. The Post EA considers all of the comments received on the EA, reflects SEA's further independent analysis, and sets forth SEA's final recommendations on alternatives and environmental mitigation.

After considering the entire record, including both the transportation aspects of the petition and the potential environmental issues, the Board is granting the requested exemption and authorizing the construction of the route designated as Alternative 2, subject to the environmental mitigation measures