

agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: part 135 air taxi operators operating with less than 15 seats.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the South Bend Regional Airport.

Issued in Des Plaines, Illinois on November 21, 2002.

Mark McClardy,

Manager, Planning and Programming Branch, Airport Division, Great Lakes Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application 03-01-C-00-TVF To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Thief River Falls Regional Airport, Thief River Falls, MN

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Thief River Falls Regional Airport under the provisions of the 49 U.S.C. 40117 and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 6, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Minneapolis Airports District Office, 6020 28th Avenue South, Room 102, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55450-2706.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Roger DeLap, City Administrator of the City of Thief River Falls, MN at the following address: Thief River Falls City Hall, 405 Third Street East, P.O. Box 528, Thief River Falls, Minnesota 56701.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the City of Thief River Falls under section 158.23 of part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gordon Nelson, Program Manager,

Federal Aviation Administration, Airports District Office, 6020 28th Avenue South, Room 102, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55450-2706, telephone (612) 713-4358. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Thief River Falls Regional Airport under the provisions of the 49 U.S.C. 40117 and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158). On November 12, 2002, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the City of Thief River Falls, Minnesota was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than February 28, 2003.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$4.50.

Proposed charge effective date: June 1 2003.

Proposed charge expiration date: June 1, 2023.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$636,828

Brief description of proposed projects: Rehabilitate runway 13/31; install airport signs and miscellaneous taxiway lights; overlay parallel taxiway (for runway 13/31), general aviation taxiway, and air transport apron; acquire aircraft rescue and firefighting vehicle (ARFF); reconstruct commercial aircraft parking apron; construct crosswind runway 3/21 including land acquisition, installation of medium intensity runway edge lights (MIRL), runway end identification lights (REIL), and precision approach path indicator system (PAPI); construct parallel and connecting taxiways (for runway 3/21); prepare passenger facility charge application (PFC); rehabilitate portions of the air carrier parking apron; install deer fence; and rehabilitate non-revenue automobile parking lot.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: Non-Scheduled/On Demand Air Carriers.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Thief River Falls City Hall.

Issued in Des Plaines, Illinois on November 21, 2002.

Mark McClardy,

Manager, Airports Planning/Programming Branch, Airports Division, Great Lakes Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application 03-08-C-00-CRW To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Yeager Airport, Charleston, WV

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Yeager Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 6, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Beckley Airports Field Office, 176 Airport Circle, Room 101, Beaver, West Virginia 25813.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Richard Atkinson, Director of Aviation of the Central West Virginia Regional Airport Authority at the following address: 100 Airport Road, Suite 175, Charleston, West Virginia 25311-1080.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Central West Virginia Regional Airport Authority under section 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Larry F. Clark, Manager, Airports Field Office, 176 Airport Circle, Room 101, Beaver, West Virginia 25813, (304) 252-6216. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Yeager Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the

Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On November 13, 2002, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by Central West Virginia Regional Airport Authority was substantially complete within the requirements of § 158.25 of part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than March 6, 2003.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

PFC Application No.: 03-08-C-00-CRW.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$4.50

Proposed charge effective date: April 1, 2003

Proposed charge expiration date: February 1, 2006

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$3,134,120

Brief description of proposed projects(s):

- Runway 5/23 Engineering Study
- Obstructional Removal
- Taxiway B Drain Repair
- Strengthen Taxiway B, B1 and General Aviation Apron
- Acquire Snow Equipment (Radio/Friction Meter)
- Acquire Snow Removal Equipment (Enloader)
- Acquire Security Vehicle
- Rehabilitate Airport Lighting (Runway 5/23, Runway 15/33; Taxiways A, B & C)
- Rehabilitate Runway 5/23
- Acquire Snow Removal Equipment (Grader)
- Construct Snow Equipment Storage Building
- Acquire Airline Baggage Lift System
- Install Security Paging System
- Conduct Wildlife Study
- Runway 5 Safety Area Improvement
- Install Apron Signs
- Rehabilitate Runway 15/33
- Replace Lighting Regulators
- Repair Runway 5/23
- Upgrade Runway Scan System

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs:

- Under FAR part 135—Charter Operators for hire to the general public
- Under FAR part 121—Charter Operators for hire to the general public
- Non-signatory and non-scheduled Air Carriers

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER**

INFORMATION CONTACT and at the FAA regional airports office located at: 1 Aviation Plaza, Airports Division, AEA-610, Jamaica, New York 11434.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Central West Virginia Regional Airport Authority.

Issued in Beckley, West Virginia on November 14, 2002.

Larry F. Clark,

Manager, Beckley AFO, Eastern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 214X)]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Buchanan County, VA

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 6.4-mile line of railroad between milepost DC-16.6 at Wyatt and milepost DC-23.0 at Jewell Valley, in Buchanan County, VA.¹ The line traverses United States Postal Service zip codes 24066 and 24622.

NSR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there has been no overhead traffic on the line during the past 2 years and any overhead traffic 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 (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.*—

¹ NSR states that authority for discontinuance of operations between milepost DC-17.2 and milepost DC-23.0 was granted in *Norfolk and Western Railway Company—Discontinuance Exemption—in Buchanan County, VA*, Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 100X) (ICC served July 16, 1990).

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 January 4, 2003, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),³ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by December 16, 2002. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by December 26, 2002, with: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to NSR's representative: James R. Paschall, General Attorney, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510.

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

NSR has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by December 10, 2002. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1552. (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), NSR shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify

² 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.

³ Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,100. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).