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Barry Molar,

Manager, Airports Financial Assistance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 589]

Calculation of Variable Costs in Rate Complaint Proceedings Involving Non-Class I Railroads

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, Transportation.

ACTION: Policy Statement.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board concludes that it will determine the variable costs of non-Class I railroads in rail rate reasonableness cases using Class I railroad regional average costs and making appropriate adjustments to those average costs on a case-by-case basis.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This policy is effective April 27, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel D. Campbell (202) 565-1568. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. Copies of the Board's decision may be purchased from Dã-2-Dã Legal Copy Service by calling (202) 293-7776 (assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS at 1-800-877-8339) or visiting Suite 405, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423.

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

Decided: March 21, 2003.

By the Board, Chairman Nober and Commissioner Morgan.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34305]

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Construction and Operation Exemption—Merced County, CA

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board conditionally exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 the construction and operation by The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company of an 850-foot line of railroad in Merced County, CA.

DATES: The exemption will not become effective until the environmental review process is completed. Once that process is completed, the Board will issue a further decision addressing the environmental matters and establishing an exemption effective date at that time, if appropriate. Petitions to reopen must be filed by April 17, 2003.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34305, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative Erika Z. Jones, Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw, 1909 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

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Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34210]

Sunflower Rail Company, LLC—Construction and Operation Exemption—Finney County, KS

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board conditionally exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 the construction by Sunflower Rail Company, LLC (SRC)¹ of approximately 4.7 miles of railroad line in the vicinity of Garden City in Finney County, KS.²

DATES: The exemption will not become effective until the environmental review process is completed. Once that process is completed, the Board will issue a further decision addressing the environmental matters and establishing an exemption effective date at that time, if appropriate. Petitions to reopen must be filed by April 17, 2003.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34210, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative David A. Hirsh, Harkins Cunningham, 801 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600 [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339].

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¹ SRC is a subsidiary of Sunflower Electric Power Corporation.

² The proposed construction involves a crossing of a line of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF). SRC states that while it is hopeful it can reach an agreement with BNSF permitting it to cross BNSF's line, SRC has concurrently filed a related petition in STB Finance Docket No. 34210 (Sub-No. 1), *Sunflower Rail Company, LLC—Petition for Crossing Authority Under 49 U.S.C. 10901(d)*, seeking authority to cross the BNSF track.

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By the Board, Chairman Nober and Commissioner Morgan.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: Navigators Insurance Company

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is Supplement No. 11 to the Treasury Department Circular 570; 2002 Revision, published July 1, 2002, at 67 FR 44294.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874-1033.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Certificate of Authority as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds is hereby issued to the following Company under 31 U.S.C. 9304 to 9308. Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570, 2002 Revision, on page 44320 to reflect this addition:

Company Name: Navigators Insurance Company. Business Address: One Penn Plaza—55th Floor, New York, NY 10119-0002. Phone: (212) 244-2333. Underwriting Limitation b/: \$10,190,000. Surety Licenses c/: AL, AK, AZ, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, LA, MD, MI, MN, MS, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WV, WI, WY. Incorporated in: New York.

Certificates of Authority expire on June 30 each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (31 CFR part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1 in Treasury Department Circular 570, with details as to underwriting limitations, areas in which licensed to transact surety business and other information.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570>. A hard copy may be purchased from the Government Printing Office (GPO)

Subscription Service, Washington, DC, Telephone (202) 512-1800. When ordering the Circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 769-004-04067-1.

Questions concerning this Notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6F07, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Dated: March 13, 2003.

Wanda J. Rogers,

Director, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Financial Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Small Business/Self Employed—Schedule C Non-Filers Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Small Business/Self Employed Schedule C Non-Filers Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference).

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, April 29, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary O'Brien at 1-888-912-1227, or 206-220-6096.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Small Business/Self Employed—Schedule C Non-Filers Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Tuesday, April 29, 2003 from 2 p.m. EST to 3 p.m. EST via a telephone conference call. The public is invited to make oral comments. Individual comments will be limited to 5 minutes. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096, or write to Mary O'Brien, TAP Office, 915 2nd Avenue, MS W-406, Seattle, WA 98174. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with Mary O'Brien. Ms. O'Brien can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Note: Last minute changes to the agenda are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

Dated: March 18, 2003.

Deryle J. Temple,

Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Small Business/Self-Employed—Payroll Tax Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Small Business/Self-Employed—Payroll Tax Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference).

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, May 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary O'Brien at 1-888-912-1227, or 206 220-6096.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Small Business/Self-Employed—Payroll Tax Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Thursday, May 1, 2003 from 3 p.m. EST to 4 p.m. EST via a telephone conference call. The public is invited to make oral comments. Individual comments will be limited to 5 minutes. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096, or write to Mary O'Brien, TAP Office, 915 2nd Avenue, MS.y W-406, Seattle, WA 98174. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with Mary O'Brien. Ms. O'Brien can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096.

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