

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****National Highway Traffic Safety Administration****[Docket NHTSA-99-5087]****Rulemaking Program Meeting****AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of NHTSA rulemaking status meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will answer questions from the public and the automobile industry regarding the agency's vehicle regulatory program.

**DATES:** The Agency's regular public meeting relating to its vehicle regulatory program will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2003, beginning at 9:45 a.m. and ending at approximately 12 p.m. at the Best Western Gateway International Hotel in Romulus, Michigan 48174. Questions relating to the vehicle regulatory program must be submitted in writing with a diskette (Microsoft Word) by Friday, November 7, 2003, to the address shown below or by e-mail. If sufficient time is available, questions received after November 7, may be answered at the meeting. The individual, group or company submitting a question(s) does not have to be present for the question(s) to be answered. A consolidated list of the questions submitted by November 7, 2003, and the issues to be discussed will be posted on NHTSA's Web site ([www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov)) by Monday, November 17, 2003, and also will be available at the meeting. The agency will hold a second public meeting on November 20, devoted exclusively to a presentation of research and development programs. This meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. and end at approximately 5 p.m. This meeting is described more fully in a separate announcement.

**ADDRESSES:** Questions for the November 20 NHTSA Rulemaking Status Meeting, relating to the agency's vehicle regulatory program, should be submitted to Delia Lopez, NVS-100, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, Fax number: 202-366-4329, e-mail: [dlopez@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:dlopez@nhtsa.dot.gov). The meeting will be held at the Best Western Gateway International Hotel, Romulus, Michigan 48174. The telephone number is 734-728-2800.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Delia Lopez, (202) 366-1810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NHTSA has held regular public meetings to answer questions from the public and the regulated industries regarding the agency's vehicle regulatory program. Questions on aspects of the agency's research and development activities that relate directly to ongoing regulatory actions should be submitted, as in the past, to the agency's Rulemaking Office. Transcripts of these meetings will be available for public inspection in the DOT Docket in Washington, DC, within four weeks after the meeting. Copies of the transcript will then be available at ten cents a page, (length has varied from 80 to 150 pages) upon request to DOT Docket, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The DOT Docket is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The transcript may also be accessed electronically at <http://dms.dot.gov>, at docket NHTSA-99-5087. Questions to be answered at the public meeting should be organized by categories to help us process the questions into an agenda form more efficiently.

Sample format:

- I. Rulemaking
  - A. Crash avoidance
  - B. Crashworthiness
  - C. Other Rulemakings
- II. Consumer Information
- III. Harmonization
- IV. Miscellaneous

NHTSA will provide auxiliary aids to participants as necessary. Any person desiring assistance of "auxiliary aids" (e.g., sign-language interpreter, telecommunications devices for deaf persons (TDDs), readers, taped texts, brailled materials, or large print materials and/or a magnifying device), please contact Delia Lopez on (202) 366-1810, by COB Monday, November 17, 2003.

Issued: October 8, 2003.

**Stephen R. Kratzke,**

*Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Surface Transportation Board****[STB Finance Docket No. 34414]****Union Pacific Railroad Company—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company**

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has agreed to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to Union Pacific Railroad

Company (UP) between BNSF milepost 6.1 near Fort Worth, TX, and BNSF milepost 218.1 near Temple TX, a distance of approximately 129.2 miles.<sup>1</sup>

The transaction is scheduled to become effective on November 1, 2003, and the authorization is scheduled to expire on or about December 23, 2003. The purpose of the temporary trackage rights is to facilitate maintenance work on UP lines.

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 by *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980), *aff'd sub nom. Railway Labor Executives' Ass'n v. United States*, 675 F.2d 1248 (D.C. Cir. 1982).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8). If the notice 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 stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34414, 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 Robert T. Opal, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179.

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

Decided: October 22, 2003.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

October 23, 2003.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by

<sup>1</sup> UP states that, because the trackage rights involve BNSF subdivisions with non-contiguous mileposts, total mileage does not correspond to the milepost designations of the endpoints.