

alternatives to be studied in the Draft EIS. To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Dated: Issued on: December 28, 2007.

Cheryl B. Martin,

Environmental Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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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: January 14, 2008, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and January 15, 2008, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

PLACE: This meeting will take place at the Bellevue Biltmore, 25 Bellevue Boulevard, Clearwater, Florida 33756.

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: December 27, 2007.

William A. Quade,

Associate Administrator for Enforcement and Program Delivery.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-1007X]

Colorado Springs & Eastern Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in El Paso County, CO

Colorado Springs & Eastern Railroad Company (CS&E) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 3.3-mile line of railroad between milepost 602.70 and milepost 599.40, in Colorado Springs, El Paso County, CO. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 80901, 80903, 80904, 80905, 80906, 80907, 80908, 80909, 80910, and 80911.

CS&E has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can 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 or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements of 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 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.—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 February 6, 2008, unless stayed pending reconsideration.¹ Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,²

¹ Although CS&E has indicated an effective date of January 21, 2008, the earliest this transaction may be consummated is February 6, 2008. See 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(2). Staff has informed CS&E's attorney of this discrepancy.

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

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 January 17, 2008. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by January 28, 2008, with: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.⁴

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to CS&E's representative: Monica Kadrmas, Moyer White LLP, 1400 16th Street, 6th Floor, Denver, CO 80202.

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

CS&E has filed environmental and historic reports which address the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by January 11, 2008. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 245-0305.

[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), CS&E shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by CS&E's filing of a notice of consummation by January 7, 2009, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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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 \$1,300. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

⁴ CS&E states in its notice that it "has leased, and is in the process of selling, the property on which the line is located to the City of Colorado Springs for a public recreation hike/bike trail." CS&E is reminded that any such action cannot take place prior to the effectiveness of this exemption, including the completion of the OFA process and the handling of any requests for public use or trail use.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-364 (Sub-No. 12X)]

Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Kent and Ionia Counties, MI

On December 18, 2007, Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc. (MMRR) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 seeking an exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 for the abandonment of a 15.83-mile rail line between milepost 137.83, southeast of Lowell, and milepost 122.00, east of Prairie Center, the end of the line, in Kent and Ionia Counties, MI. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 48846, 48881, and 49331 and includes the stations of Lowell, Saranac, and Ionia.

MMRR also seeks an exemption from the offer of financial assistance (OFA) procedures of 49 U.S.C. 10904. In support, MMRR states that it has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to sell the line to West Michigan Trails and Greenway Coalition for interim trail use/rail banking. This request for exemption from the OFA provision will be addressed in the final decision.

The line does not contain Federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in MMRR'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).

Petitioner indicates that the proposed abandonment may generate comments, and it requests that the Board adopt a procedural schedule to allow it to file rebuttal to any comments received. Instead of addressing the request at this time, the Board will instead allow petitioner to raise the matter again, if comments and replies in response to the petition are actually filed. Comments and replies to the petition for exemption will be due on January 28, 2008. Once comments and replies are filed, MMRR may request leave to file rebuttal.

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding

pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by April 4, 2008.

Any 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, unless the Board grants the requested exemption from the OFA process. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,300 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 January 28, 2008. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$200 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27)(i).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-364 (Sub-No. 12X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Louis E. Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204. Replies to the petition are due on or before January 28, 2008.

Persons seeking further information concerning the abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 245-0230 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 245-0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary), prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection that is due for extension approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of International Affairs within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data for the Annual Report of Foreign-Residents' Holdings of U.S. Securities, including Selected Money Market Instruments. The next such collection is to be conducted as of June 30, 2008.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 7, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Dwight Wolkow, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 5422, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220. In view of possible delays in mail delivery, you may also wish to send a copy to Mr. Wolkow by e-mail (dwight.wolkow@do.treas.gov) or FAX (202-622-2009). Mr. Wolkow can also be reached by telephone (202-622-1276).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the proposed forms and instructions are unchanged from the previous survey that was conducted as of June 30, 2007, and are available on the Treasury International Capital (TIC) System Web page for "Forms SHL/SHLA & SHC/SHCA", at: <http://www.treas.gov/tic/forms-sh.shtml>. Requests for additional information should be directed to Mr. Wolkow.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Treasury Department Form SHLA/SHL, Foreign-Residents' Holdings of U.S. Securities, including Selected Money Market Instruments.

OMB Number: 1505-0123.

Abstract: These forms are used to conduct annual surveys of holdings by foreign-residents of U.S. securities for