

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested persons that RSPA will conduct public meetings in preparation for and to report the results of the eighteenth session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE) to be held July 3–13, 2000 in Geneva, Switzerland.

DATES: June 21, 2000 10 a.m.–1 p.m., Room 6244–6248; July 19, 2000, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., Room 6244–6248.

ADDRESSES: Both meetings will be held at DOT Headquarters, Nassif Building, Room 6244–6248, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frits Wybenga, International Standards Coordinator, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, or Bob Richard, Assistant International Standards Coordinator, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366–0656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the first meeting will be to prepare for the eighteenth session of the UNSCOE and to discuss U.S. positions on UNSCOE proposals. The primary purpose of the second meeting will be to provide a briefing on the outcome of the UNSCOE session and to prepare for the twenty-first Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE) which is scheduled for December 4–13, 2000 in Geneva, Switzerland. Topics to be covered during the public meetings include: (1) Global harmonization of classification criteria, (2) Reformatting the UN Recommendations into a model rule, (3) Criteria for Environmentally Hazardous Substances, (4) Intermodal portable tank requirements including requirements for the transport of solids in portable tanks, (5) Requirements applicable to small quantities of hazardous materials in transport (limited quantities) including package marking requirements, package quantity limits and requirements applicable to consumer commodities, (6) Harmonized requirements for compress gas cylinders, (7) Classification of individual substances, (8) Requirements for bulk and non-bulk packagings used to transport hazardous materials and (9) Hazard communication requirements including harmonized shipping paper requirements.

The public is invited to attend without prior notification.

Documents

Copies of documents for the UNSCOE meeting may be obtained by downloading them from the United Nations Transport Division's web site at <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc/dgscmm.html>. Information concerning UN dangerous goods meetings including agendas can be downloaded at <http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/meetings.htm#ST/SG>. These sites may also be accessed through RSPA's Hazardous Materials Safety Homepage at <http://hazmat.dot.gov/intstandards.htm>. RSPA's site also provides information regarding the UNSCOE and related matters such as a summary of decisions taken at the 17th session of the UNSCOE, meeting dates and a summary of the primary topics which the UNSCOE plans to address in the 1999–2000 biennium.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33876]

State of Georgia, Department of Transportation—Acquisition Exemption—Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc.

The State of Georgia, Department of Transportation (GDOT), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc. (GSRW) certain railroad assets, including approximately 71.13 miles of rail line extending between Rochelle, GA (milepost 644.00), and a point near Preston, GA (milepost 713.00), and between Omaha, GA (milepost 753.00), and Mahrt, AL (milepost 755.13).¹

¹ The transaction does not include the right or obligation to conduct common carrier freight operations. Heart of Georgia Railroad, Inc. (HOG) acquired the exclusive rail freight easement over the rail line. *See Heart of Georgia Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—State of Georgia and Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33867 (STB served May 4, 2000). HOG currently conducts and will continue to conduct common carrier freight operations over the rail line. Neither GDOT nor GSRW will have a

The transaction is scheduled to take place as soon as possible after the May 22, 2000 effective date of the exemption.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.² Petitions to reopen the proceeding 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 automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33876, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Luke Cousins, State of Georgia, Department of Transportation, #2 Capitol Square, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30334–1002.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at “WWW.STB.DOT.GOV.”

Decided: May 18, 2000.

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

May 16, 2000.

The Department of 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 calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 26, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

common carrier obligation to provide freight services when this transaction is completed.

² A motion to dismiss has been filed in this proceeding. The motion will be addressed in a subsequent Board decision.