

Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Van Gogh's Sheaves of Wheat," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, Texas, from on or about October 22, 2006, until on or about January 7, 2007, and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Richard Lahne, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/453-8058). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: September 11, 2006.

Alina L. Romanowski,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional and Cultural Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Joint Application of Independence Air, Inc. and Compass Airlines, Inc. for Transfer of Certificate Authority

AGENCY: Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of Order to Show Cause (Order 2006-9-7) Docket OST-2006-24295.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation is directing all interested persons to show cause why it should not issue an order finding Compass Airlines, Inc. fit, willing, and able, and transfer to Compass the interstate scheduled passenger certificate authority currently held by Independence Air, Inc.

DATES: Persons wishing to file objections should do so no later than September 25, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Objections and answers to objections should be filed in Docket

OST-2006-24295 and addressed to U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, (M-30, Room PL-401), 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, and should be served upon the parties listed in Attachment A to the order.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Damon D. Walker, Air Carrier Fitness Division (X-56, Room 6401), U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9721.

Dated: September 11, 2006.

Michael W. Reynolds,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee—Open Meeting; Sunshine Act

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee (COMSTAC). The meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 25, 2006, starting at 8 a.m. at the Federal Aviation Administration Headquarters Building, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, in the Bessie Coleman Conference Center, located on the 2nd Floor. This will be the forty-fourth meeting of the COMSTAC.

The proposed agenda for the meeting will feature information on recipients of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Commercial Orbital Transportation Services award; briefings on a study of the Commercial Space Launch Liability Risk-Sharing Regime and the environmental activities in FAA's Office of Commercial Space Transportation (AST); and an AST activities report. An agenda will be posted on the FAA Web site at <http://ast.faa.gov/COMSTAC>. Meetings of the COMSTAC Working Groups (Technology and Innovation, Reusable Launch Vehicle, Risk Management, and Launch Operations and Support) will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2006. For specific information concerning the

times and locations of the working group meetings, contact the Contact Person listed below.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should inform the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Parker (AST-100), Office of Commercial Space Transportation, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 331, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-3674; E-mail brenda.parker@faa.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC, September 12, 2006.

Patricia Grace Smith,

Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34912]

Chattahoochee Bay Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Certain Assets of H&S Railroad Company, Inc., and Chattahoochee & Gulf Railroad Co., Inc.

Chattahoochee Bay Railroad, Inc. (CBRR),¹ a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire (by purchase) and operate certain rail assets of H&S Railroad Company, Inc. (H&S), and Chattahoochee & Gulf Railroad Co., Inc. (CHAT),² Class III rail carriers.³

Pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement entered into by and among CBRR, CHAT, and H&S, CBRR will acquire: (1) Approximately 24.2 miles of rail line owned and operated by CHAT extending from approximately milepost 382.0, at or near Dothan, in Houston County, AL, through Henry County, AL, to approximately milepost 357.8, at or near Hilton, in Early County, GA (the

¹ CBRR is a wholly owned subsidiary of Genesee & Wyoming Inc. (GWI).

² H&S is owned and controlled by H. Peter and Linda C. Claussen (collectively, the Claussens). CHAT is owned and controlled by the Gulf & Ohio Railways Holding Co., Inc., which is owned by the Claussens.

³ This proceeding is related to STB Finance Docket No. 34913, *Genesee & Wyoming Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Chattahoochee Bay Railroad, Inc.*, wherein GWI, a noncarrier holding company, has simultaneously filed a petition for exemption to continue in control of CBRR upon CBRR's becoming a rail carrier.

CHAT Line);⁴ and (2) H&S's exclusive freight rail easement over an approximately 4-mile line of railroad between approximately milepost 382 at Dothan, and approximately milepost 386 at Taylor, in Houston County, AL (the H&S Line).⁵ CBRR states that the CHAT Line and the H&S Line physically connect at Dothan, and CBRR will operate them as one continuous rail line. The total distance of rail lines to be purchased and operated by CBRR is approximately 28 miles. In addition, CBRR will acquire CHAT's incidental overhead trackage rights over approximately 2.8 miles of Central of Georgia Railroad Company's line of railroad between approximately milepost 357.8 and approximately milepost 355 near Hilton, for the purpose of interchange with the Chattahoochee Industrial Railroad. CBRR also will acquire by assignment the interests of H&S and CHAT in an agreement that gives H&S trackage rights over the CHAT Line between approximately milepost 382 and approximately milepost 378.88 near Dothan, for the purpose of interchange with CHAT.⁶

CBRR certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of the transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or after August 25, 2006, the effective date of this notice of exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

If the verified 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 automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34912, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925

K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Kevin M. Sheys, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham LLP, 1601 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

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

Decided: September 8, 2006.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Assistance Panel Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Issue Committee

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Taxpayer Assistance Panel VITA Issue Committee will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, October 3, 2006, at 3 p.m. Eastern Time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Toy at 1-888-912-1227, or (414) 231-2360.

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 a meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel VITA Issue Committee will be held Tuesday, October 3, 2006, at 3 p.m., Eastern Time via a telephone conference call. You can submit written comments to the panel by faxing to (414) 231-2363, or by mail to Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Stop 1006MIL, 211 West Wisconsin Avenue, P.O. Box 3205, Milwaukee, WI 53203-2221, or you can contact us at <http://www.improveirs.org>. Public comments will also be welcome during the meeting. Please contact Barbara Toy at 1-888-912-1227 or (414) 231-2360 for additional information.

The agenda will include the following: Various VITA Issues.

Dated: September 6, 2006.

John Fay,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Assistance Center Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Taxpayer Assistance Center Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference). The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, October 3, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Coffman 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 Taxpayer Assistance Center Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Tuesday, October 3, 2006 from 9 a.m. Pacific Time to 10:30 a.m. Pacific Time via a telephone conference call. 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 Dave Coffman, TAP Office, 915 2nd Avenue, MS W-406, Seattle, WA 98174 or you can contact us at <http://www.improveirs.org>. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with Dave Coffman. Mr. Coffman can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Dated: September 5, 2006.

John Fay,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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⁴ CHAT acquired the rail line from Central of Georgia Railroad Company. See *Chattahoochee & Gulf Railroad Co., Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Line of Central of Georgia Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 34298 (STB served Mar. 26, 2003).

⁵ H&S acquired the rail line from Hartford and Slocumb Railroad Company. See *H&S Railroad Company, Inc.—Acquisition, Operation, and Trackage Rights Exemption—Lines of Hartford and Slocumb Railroad Company*, Finance Docket No. 32089 (ICC served July 22, 1992).

⁶ CBRR states that its acquisition of these merging interests and operation of the H&S Line and the CHAT Line as one property will cause that trackage rights agreement to be extinguished.