

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****RTCA, Inc.; Program Management Committee**

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for Program Management Committee meeting to be held April 19, 2000, starting at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

The agenda will include: (1) Welcome and Introductions; (2) Review/Approve Summary of Previous Meeting; (3) Publication Consideration/Approval: (a) Final Draft, Minimum Operational Performance Standards (MOPS) for Geosynchronous Orbit Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Services (AMASS) Avionics (RTCA Paper No. 054-00/PMC-077, prepared by SC-165); (b) Final Draft, DO-201A, Standards for Aeronautical Information, (RTCA Paper No. 058-00/PMC-080, prepared by SC-181); (c) Final Draft, Design Assurance Guidance for Airborne Electronic Hardware, (RTCA Paper No. 060-00/PMC-081, prepared by Joint Committee SC-180/WG-46); (4) Action Item Review; (d) Action Item 00-02, Update on ADS-B Ad Hoc Group; (5) Discussion; (e) Update on request for RTCA Comment on EUROCONTROL Document, Use of Safety Management Systems by ATM Service Providers; (f) SC-159 Status Report—GNSS Application to Airport Surface Operation; (g) Proposed revision to Terms of Reference for SC-194, Air Traffic Management Data Link Implementation; (6) Other Business; (7) Date and Location of Next Meeting; (8) Closing.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****RTCA, Inc.; Government/Industry Certification Steering Committee**

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for RTCA Government/Industry Certification Steering Committee meeting to be held April 18, 2000, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The meeting will be held at Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20591, in Conference Room 5ABC (5th Floor).

Formation of the Certification Steering Committee is a follow-on initiative recommended in RTCA's Report of Task Force 4, Certification. The concept of the Certification Steering Committee is supported by the FAA and will provide a public advisory forum for developing consensus-based recommendations for implementing the opportunities identified by Task Force 4. The Task Force completed its work in 1999 and published its findings in the "Final Report of RTCA TASK FORCE 4, Certification." This report serves as a starting point for the Certification Steering Committee.

The Certification Steering Committee is co-chaired by Mr. Tom McSweeney, FAA Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification, and Mr. Clay Jones, president, Rockwell Collins. The Certification Steering Committee will function as a Federal Advisory Committee with all meetings open to the public.

The agenda will include: (1) Welcome and Introductory Remarks: (a) RTCA Certification Activity Structure and Procedures; (b) Review Steering Committee Charter; (2) Background: (c) Task Force Four (TF4) Recommendations; (3) Certification Select Committee: (d) Membership; (e) Terms of Reference and Proposal for Implementing TF4 Recommendations; (f) Working Group Organization and Work Plans; (g) Near Term Certification Improvement Goals; (h) Deliverables and Milestones; (4) Other Business; (5) Date and Location of Next Meeting; (6) Closing.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Surface Transportation Board****[STB Finance Docket No. 33847]****Nebraska Central Railroad Company—Acquisition Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company**

Nebraska Central Railroad Company (NCRC), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire approximately 18.2 miles of rail line owned by The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF). The rail line is located between milepost 17.50, near Central City, NE, and milepost 35.70, at Palmer, NE. In conjunction with the acquisition of the rail line, NCRC will acquire incidental overhead trackage rights over BNSF's rail line between milepost 52.7, at David City, NE, and milepost 66.5, at Columbus, NE, restricted to serving the facilities of Minnesota Corn Processors at Columbus.

Because the projected revenues of the rail line to be operated will exceed \$5 million, NCRC certified to the Board, on January 14, 2000, that the required notice of its rail line acquisition was posted at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines on January 6, 2000. See 49 CFR 1150.42(e). The transaction was expected to be consummated on or shortly after March 14, 2000.

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 does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33847, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Karl Morell, Esq., Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, N.W., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.