

continue to be the carriers providing freight rail service over the line, and SMART will retain a residual common carrier obligation until such time as it petitions the Board for a change in status and the Board grants its petition. SMART certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier.

A memorandum of understanding between NWPRA and SMART was executed on June 13, 2003. SMART reported that the parties intend to consummate the transaction on or about February 19, 2004.

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. 34400, 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 Sally McGough, Deputy County Counsel, Sonoma County Counsel's Office, 575 Administration Drive, Room 105-A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

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

Decided: March 2, 2004.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

### Sunshine Act; Notice of Meeting

**DATE/TIME:** Thursday, March 25, 2004, 9:15 a.m.-5 p.m.

**LOCATION:** 1200 17th Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036.

**STATUS:** Open Session—Portions may be closed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 552(b) of Title 5, United States Code, as provided in subsection 1706(h)(3) of the United States Institute of Peace Act, Pub. L. 98-525.

**AGENDA:** March 2004 Board Meeting; Approval of Minutes of the One Hundred Thirteenth (January 29, 2004) of the Board of Directors; Chairman's Report; President's Report; Committee Reports; Consideration of fellowship applications and consideration of list of recommended Grants; Other General Issues.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tessie Higgs, Executive Office, Telephone: (202) 429-3836.

Dated: March 5, 2004.

**Charles E. Nelson,**

*Vice President, United States Institute of Peace.*

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*CFNR Operating Company, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Park Sierra Corp., STB Finance Docket No. 34199 (STB served May 23, 2002).*