

such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at SCCP's principal office and on SCCP's Web site at [http://www.phlx.com/SCCP/memindex\\_sccpproposals.html](http://www.phlx.com/SCCP/memindex_sccpproposals.html). All submissions should refer to File No. SR-SCCP-2004-02 and should be submitted by March 30, 2004.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>7</sup>

**Jill M. Peterson,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### [Declaration of Disaster #3568]

#### State of South Carolina

Orangeburg County and the contiguous counties of Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, Berkeley, Calhoun, Clarendon, Colleton, Dorchester and Lexington in the State of South Carolina constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe ice storms that occurred on January 26-27, 2004. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on May 3, 2004 and for economic injury until the close of business on December 3, 2004 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308.

The interest rates are:

|                                                                                       | Percent |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| <b>For Physical Damage:</b>                                                           |         |
| Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere .....                                      | 6.125   |
| Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....                                   | 3.125   |
| Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere .....                                      | 5.800   |
| Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....      | 2.900   |
| Others (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere .....     | 4.875   |
| <b>For Economic Injury:</b>                                                           |         |
| Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere ... | 2.900   |

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 356811 and the number for economic injury is 9Z4800.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: March 3, 2004.

**Hector V. Barreto,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

#### [Finance Docket 34395]

#### **City of Peoria, IL, d/b/a Peoria, Peoria Heights & Western Railroad—Construction of Connecting Track Exemption—in Peoria County, IL**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the environmental assessment and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** On February 3, 2004, the City of Peoria, IL, d/b/a Peoria, Peoria Heights & Western (PPHW), filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.36 to construct approximately 1,800 feet of track in Peoria, Peoria County, IL, over land that it owns or over which it has an easement for railroad purposes. The track to be constructed would connect a 1.9-mile segment of track that the City of Peoria (the City) purchased from Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) with an 8.29-mile segment of track known as the Keller Branch that the City acquired from the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company (Rock Island).

The former UP segment connects at its west end with a UP main line that extends in a generally north-south direction between Nelson, IL, and St. Louis, MO. It was acquired by the City in 2001 and there are no active shippers currently located on that segment.

The former Rock Island segment was acquired by the City in 1984 from the Rock Island Trustee. It connects at its east end with a rail line of the Peoria & Pekin Union Railway Company (P&PU). P&PU initially operated the segment pursuant to a lease from the City. Thereafter, the Village of Peoria Heights, IL, acquired a 25-percent interest in the segment, which was referred to under the doing-business designation of PPHW. In 1998, Pioneer Industrial Railway Co., the current operator, began operations over the segment pursuant to an assignment of P&PU's lease from the City (consented to by the Village of Peoria Heights). There are three active shippers located on the segment, two of which are located near its northwestern end and one of which is located near its southeastern end.

Should the proposed construction of connecting trackage be completed, the two shippers located near the northwestern end of the segment would be served from the west by DOT Rail Service, Inc., or its designee under an operating agreement with the City. No part of the line that would continue to be operated would be located in the Village of Peoria Heights and the shipper located near the southeastern end of the segment would be served from the southeast by the same or a different rail operator. Service over the approximately 7.5 miles of the segment that would no longer be required to serve shippers would be discontinued and the right-of-way proposed for use as a recreational trail.

The proposed new connecting track would be located adjacent to an active industrial area in which no residences are located but would result in the construction of a new highway/rail at-grade crossing at University Street and the reactivation of an existing highway/rail at-grade crossing at North Allen Road. Because PPHW is proposing to construct the new connecting track over land which it owns or over which it has an easement for railroad purposes, the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) has determined that the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) is appropriate. Therefore, SEA has prepared this EA and is now issuing for public review and comment from all interested parties.

**ADDRESSES:** SEA encourages the public to participate in the environmental review of PPHW's proposed activities by commenting on this EA during the 30-day comment period. Comments may be submitted to the address below. When submitting comments, please provide one original and two copies to: Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20423-0001.

The following information should appear in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope: Attention: Troy Brady, Finance Docket No. 34395.

**DATES:** Comments are due by April 8, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Troy Brady, the environmental contact for this case, by phone at (202) 565-1643, by fax at (202) 565-9000, or by e-mail at [bradyt@stb.dot.gov](mailto:bradyt@stb.dot.gov).

By the Board, Victoria Rutson, Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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<sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).