

determine how C³RS can continue after the test period is over. The evaluation is needed to provide the FRA with guidance as to how it can improve the program, and how it might be scaled up throughout the railroad industry.

Program evaluation is an inherently data driven activity. Its basic tenet is that as change is implemented, data can be collected to track the course and consequences of the change. Because of the setting in which C³RS is being implemented, that data must come from the railroad employees (labor and management) who may be affected. Critical data include beliefs about safety and issues related to safety, and opinions/observations about the operation of C³RS.

In order to collect the necessary data in a manner that protects confidentiality, the data collection process will be managed by the Volpe Center. The Volpe Center will not release to FRA or any other public or private entity any information that might reveal the identity of individuals or organizations mentioned in the evaluation survey questionnaires. Also the respondents will not be asked to identify themselves.

II. Request for Comments

The Volpe Center requests comments on any aspects of these information collections, including: (1) The accuracy of the estimated burden; (2) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (3) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the information collected, including additional use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on February 6, 2007.

Nelson H. Keeler,

Director, Office of Aviation Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34988]

Williams Rail Service, LLC— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Lines Owned by Duchess Investments V, LLC and G&G/ Cherokee Wood Products, Inc.

Williams Rail Service, LLC (WRS), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire (by purchase and lease) and to operate two separate track segments,

totaling approximately 1,900 feet of track, in Cherokee County, SC, and Union County, NC. After consummation of the transaction, WRS expects to become and remain a Class III rail carrier.

Pursuant to an agreement that will be executed before consummation, WRS will acquire: (1) By lease from Duchess Investments V, LLC, approximately 600 feet of track near the intersection of Orr Road and Wesley Chapel Stouts Road, in Monroe, Union County, NC, which was formerly used to serve an entity called HoltraChem, and connects with a CSX Transportation, Inc. line; and (2) by purchase from G&G/Cherokee Wood Products, Inc., approximately 1,300 feet of track near the intersection of Tribal Road and I-85 in Blacksburg, Cherokee County, SC, which was formerly used to serve a log home builder, and connects with a Norfolk Southern Railway Company line. WRS anticipates shipping primarily agricultural products off both track segments, and may enter into agreements with contract agents to perform some services solely for the benefit of WRS.

WRS certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of the transaction will not exceed \$5 million and will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I carrier. WRS intends to consummate the transaction and commence operations no sooner than March 1, 2007 (the effective date of the exemption).

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. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than February 22, 2007 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34988, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Michael J. Barron, Jr., Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606.

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

Decided: February 5, 2007.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Genomic Medicine Program Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Genomic Medicine Program Advisory Committee will meet on March 16, 2007 in room 230, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 8 a.m. and adjourn at 5:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on using genetic information to optimize medical care of veterans and to enhance development of tests and treatments for diseases particularly relevant to veterans.

The Committee will receive an overview of the VA health care system and electronic medical record, and will be asked to provide insight into optimal ways for VA to incorporate genomic information into its health care program while applying appropriate ethical oversight and protecting the privacy of veterans.

Members of the public may provide up to 5-minute statements during the period reserved for public comments. They may also submit, at the time of the meeting, a 1-2 page summary of their comments for inclusion in the official meeting record. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Dr. Timothy O'Leary at timothy.oleary@va.gov.

Dated: February 5, 2007.

By direction of the Secretary:

E. Philip Riffin,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Voluntary Services National Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that

the annual meeting of the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) National Advisory Committee (NAC) will be held May 2–5, 2007, at the Omni William Penn Hotel, 530 Penn Place, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The meeting is open to the public, and the sessions are scheduled as follows:

May 2: 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

May 3 and 4: 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

May 5: 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., with a closing program at 6 p.m.

The Committee, comprised of sixty-three national voluntary organizations, with five membership categories (Service Member, Associate Service Member, Donor Member, Associate Donor Member and Adjunct Member), advises the Secretary, through the Under Secretary for Health, on the coordination and promotion of volunteer activities within VA health care facilities. The primary purposes of this meeting are: to provide for committee review of volunteer policies and procedures; to accommodate full

and open communications between organization representatives and the Voluntary Service Office and field staff; to provide educational opportunities geared towards improving volunteer programs with special emphasis on methods to recruit, retain, motivate and recognize volunteers; and to approve committee recommendations.

The May 2 session will involve opening ceremonies and remarks by several VA and local officials. The May 3 session will feature a Voluntary Service Report, and recognition of the recipients of the VAVS Award for Excellence and NAC Volunteers of the Year. In addition, the James H. Parke Memorial Scholarship Luncheon will be held to honor an outstanding youth volunteer. The following educational workshops are scheduled: Volunteer Assignments in the 21st century, Pet Therapy, and Advanced Clinical Access.

On May 4, the business session will include subcommittee reports. This session will be followed by a repeat of

the educational workshops. The May 5 session will include closing remarks from the Chairman, followed that evening by the Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, interested persons may either attend or file statements with the Committee. Written statements may be filed either before the meeting or within 10 days after the meeting and addressed to: Ms. Laura B. Balun, Director, Voluntary Service Office (10C2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Individuals interested in attending are encouraged to contact Ms. Balun at (202) 273–8952.

Dated: February 5, 2007.

By Direction of the Secretary

E. Phillip Riggins,

Committee Management Officer.

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