

specified times. UP asserts that such interchange matters are subject to the Association of American Railroads' (AAR) Car Service and Car Hire Agreement (Car Hire Agreement), unless the rail carriers enter into agreements that differ from the Car Hire Agreement.

Respondents concur that a declaratory order is warranted, though they disagree with UP as to the substance of such an order. Indiana Harbor Belt assails UP's allegedly "delinquent interchange practices in the Chicago Switching District." Iowa Interstate defends its charges as necessary to protect short line railroads against arbitrary and unfair interchange practices of Class I railroads. Tacoma Beltline asserts that UP's position constitutes anti-competitive conduct in complete disregard of business operations.¹ Iowa Interstate and Tacoma Beltline rely on the decision of the court in *Cincinnati, N.O. & T.P. Ry. Co. v. Chesapeake & O. Ry. Co.*, 441 F.2d 483 (4th Cir. 1971), for the proposition that AAR's car service rules do not prevent a carrier from acting individually through a "tariff" charge to avoid costs related to another railroad's malfeasance.

Under 5 U.S.C. 554(e) and 49 U.S.C. 721, the Board has discretionary authority to issue a declaratory order to terminate a controversy or remove uncertainty. The Board and its predecessor, the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC), have exercised broad authority in handling such requests. In determining whether to entertain such petitions, the agency considers a number of factors, including the significance to the industry, the ripeness of the controversy, and whether a proceeding is necessary to terminate an active controversy.

The issues presented raise questions that would appear to have broad and current applicability within the railroad industry, involving significant interpretations of the statutory framework within which that industry operates since enactment of the ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803. These significant questions deserve resolution on a full record, including the comments of all interested persons, not just the parties already of record.

Accordingly, a declaratory order proceeding is instituted to consider the issues raised in UP's petition and

respondents' replies, based on the comments of all interested parties. This proceeding will be handled on the basis of written statements submitted by the parties.

Written comments (an original and 10 copies) by or on behalf of all interested parties (including petitioner and respondents) must be filed with the Board no later than July 12, 2000. Replies (an original and 10 copies) by petitioner and respondents must be filed no later than August 1, 2000.² Comments must state the basis for the party's position and must contain the name and address of the commenting party. Petitioner and respondents must be served concurrently with a copy of each comment (and reply); other commenters must be served concurrently with a copy of each reply.

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This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Decided: June 7, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 577X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Wayne County, IN

On May 22, 2000, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a portion of its line of railroad known as its Richmond Subdivision, extending from railroad Milepost CI-61.90 to railroad Milepost CI-63.21 at the end of track, a distance of 1.31 miles, in Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana. The line traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Code 47374 and includes no stations.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any

documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the labor protective conditions imposed in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by September 8, 2000.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than July 3, 2000. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 577X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Natalie S. Rosenberg, 500 Water Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Replies to the CSXT petition are due on or before July 10, 2000.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152.

Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1545. [TDD for the hearing impaired in available at 1-800-877-8339].

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by the SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

¹ Tacoma Beltline requested that the Board delay any ruling until its lawsuit seeking interchange charges is resolved in *City of Tacoma, Tacoma Public Utilities v. Union Pacific Railroad Company*, Case No. C00-50548FDB, (W.D. Wash.) This request is moot, because in an order dated April 20, 2000, the court dismissed the case without prejudice, citing the Board's exclusive jurisdiction.

² Replies may also be submitted by other commenting parties, if desired, by the same date. Petitioner's and respondents' representatives are directed to assist in providing an appropriate mailing list to other interested parties, upon request.

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Dated: Decided: June 7, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices; International Monetary Fund Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Under section 610 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1999, the Secretary of the Treasury is required to establish an International Monetary Fund Advisory Committee (the "Committee") to advise the Secretary of IMF policy.

DATES: The fourth meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday, June 16, 2000, beginning at 1 p.m. in the Diplomatic Room located on the third floor of the main Department of the Treasury Building, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Designated Federal Official: William McFadden, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of International Monetary and Financial Policy, Room 444, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220. Telephone number 202-622-0343, fax number (202) 622-7664.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of Meeting

The IMF Advisory Committee will discuss the legislated mandates directed at the IMF, with a focus on questions related to good governance, combating corruption, and transparency.

Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. If you wish to attend please FAX your full name, birthday, and social security number to the Designated Federal Official no later than 4 p.m., June 12th, for clearance into the Treasury building. Members of the public who have provided such information, must enter the main Treasury building at the

entrance on 15th Street between F and G Streets, and must provide a photo ID at the entrance to be admitted into the building.

Members of the public may submit written comments. If you wish to furnish such comments, please provide 16 copies of your written material to the Designated Federal Official. If you wish to have your comments distributed to members of the Committee in advance of the third meeting, 16 copies of any written material should be provided to the Designated Federal Official no later than June 7th.

Dated: May 16, 2000.

William J. McFadden,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

[Notice No. 899]

The Gang Resistance Education and Training Program: Availability of Financial Assistance, Criteria and Application Procedures

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds for financial assistance to State and local law enforcement agencies providing or desiring to provide the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program, intended funding priorities, and application procedures.

SUMMARY: Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) intends to enter into cooperative agreements with State and local law enforcement agencies to assist them in providing the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program. This notice also sets forth the intended funding priorities and the criteria and application procedures that ATF will use to select and award State and local law enforcement agencies Federal funds to provide the G.R.E.A.T. Program.

DATES: Applications must be received on or before August 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send applications to G.R.E.A.T. Branch; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; P.O. Box 50418; Washington, DC 20091-0418; Attn: Notice No. 899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Scott, G.R.E.A.T. Branch, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, P.O.

Box 50418, Washington, DC 20091-0418 (1-800-726-7070); or by sending electronic mail (E-mail) to: Great@atfhq.atf.treas.gov, or visit the G.R.E.A.T. website at www.atf.treas.gov/great/great.htm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

G.R.E.A.T. is a gang prevention program designed to educate the youth about the dangers associated with joining street gangs and participating in violent crime. It functions as a cooperative program that utilizes the skills of ATF, Federal, State and local law enforcement personnel, as well as individuals from the community and civic groups. The G.R.E.A.T. Program trains police officers to provide instruction to grade and middle school aged children in gang prevention and anti-violence techniques. Training may be provided to any Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency, to the extent allocated funds allow. G.R.E.A.T. consists of three major components:

Component I: School-Based Education

Component II: After School/Summer Education/Booster Classes

Component III: Parent Involvement

Although the primary focus of the G.R.E.A.T. Program is Component I, applicants who are selected for financial assistance will be required to develop programs tailored to their respective communities for Components II and III.

Application Procedures

Application for financial assistance shall be made on ATF Form 6410.1 (Gang Resistance Education and Training Funding Application). Application forms may be obtained by contacting James Scott, G.R.E.A.T. Branch, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, P.O. Box 50418, Washington, DC 20091-0418 (1-800-726-7070). E-mail address: Great@atfhq.atf.treas.gov or visit the G.R.E.A.T. website at www.atf.treas.gov/great/great.htm.

Funding Categories and Funding Distributions

In order to provide funding to a range of community sizes and locations, the applicants will be divided into five categories based on population. These categories will consist of populations: (A) 1,000,000 and over; (B) 500,000-999,999; (C) 100,000-499,999; (D) 25,000-99,999; (E) 24,999 or less. Each applicant will be required to report its population figures by using the Bureau of Census State Population Report for its entire service area. The population figures may be obtained from the Census