

DCRR states that the trackage rights agreement has been consummated but that, after it was consummated, USS management was advised by counsel that a grant of trackage rights would require Board approval. Thus, this notice of exemption is filed on a nunc pro tunc basis. Under 49 CFR 1180.4(g), in order to qualify for an exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d), a railroad must file a verified notice of the transaction with the Board at least 30 days in advance of consummation. In this case, the verified notice was filed on December 24, 2008. Therefore, the earliest this transaction could be consummated is January 23, 2009, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the exemption was filed). The purpose of the trackage rights is to permit DCRR to move trains consisting of empty "bottle cars" between Tecumseh Yard and CN's line to USS's facility on Zug Island, which will enhance operational efficiencies.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the acquisition of the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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 effectiveness of the exemption. Stay petitions must be filed by January 16, 2009 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law 110-161, section 193, 121 Stat. 1844 (2007), nothing in this decision authorizes the following activities at any solid waste rail transfer facility: Collecting, storing, or transferring solid waste outside of its original shipping container; or separating or processing solid waste (including baling, crushing, compacting, and shredding). The term "solid waste" is defined in section 1004 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. 6903.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35180, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on John A. Vuono, Esq., Vuono & Gray, LLC, 310 Grant Street, Suite 2310 Grant Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15219; and Robert N.

Gentile, Esq., Assistant General Counsel-Commercial, Intellectual Property & Special Litigation, United States Steel Corporation, 600 Grant Street 18th Floor, Room 1880, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

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Decided: January 2, 2009.

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

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Area 1 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine)

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Area 1 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, February 17, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Audrey Y. Jenkins at 1-888-912-1227 or 718-488-2085.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Area 1 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at 10 a.m. Eastern Time. For more information please contact Audrey Y. Jenkins at 1-888-912-1227 or 718-488-2085. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please write Audrey Y. Jenkins, TAP Office, 10 MetroTech Center, 625 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, or you can post comments to the Web site: <http://www.improveirs.org>.

The agenda will include various IRS issues.

Dated: December 22, 2008.

Roy L. Block,
Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Area 2 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia)

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Area 2 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, February 18, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donna Powers at 1-888-912-1227, or 954-423-7977.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Area 2 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Wednesday, February 18, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time. For more information please contact Donna Powers. Ms. Powers may be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 954-423-7977, or you can write to Donna Powers, TAP Office, 1000 South Pine Island Road, Suite 340, Plantation, FL 33324, or post comments to the Web site: <http://www.improveirs.org>.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Dated: December 22, 2008.

Roy L. Block,
Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Area 3 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and the Territory of Puerto Rico)

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Treasury.

ACTION: Correction to notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Area 3 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy