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By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Tammy Lowery,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 34495 (Sub-No. 1)]

Buckingham Branch Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption with Interchange Commitment—CSX Transportation, Inc.

Buckingham Branch Railroad Company (BBRC), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), and continue to operate approximately 164.22 miles of railroad line, referred to as Segment 3, between approximately milepost 276.0 in Clifton Forge in Allegheny County, Va., and milepost 111.78 at Doswell in Hanover County, Va. (the Line).¹

The verified notice indicates that BBRC has leased and operated the Line (as part of a longer line between AM Junction, near Richmond, and Clifton Forge) since 2005. According to the verified notice, BBRC and CSXT have agreed to convert BBRC's current leasehold interest in the Line into a permanent, exclusive rail freight operating easement. The verified notice states that BBRC and CSXT will enter into, among other things, a Permanent Easement Agreement and an amended Freight Operating Agreement and will also terminate their existing lease agreement with respect to Segment 3. The verified notice further states that the amended Freight Operating Agreement between BBRC and CSXT contains an interchange commitment that affects interchange with carriers other than CSXT. The affected interchanges are with Norfolk Southern Railway Company at Charlottesville, Va., and at Waynesboro, Va. BBRC has provided additional information regarding the interchange commitment as required by 49 CFR 1150.43(h).

BBRC certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in BBRC's

becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier, but its projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million. Pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.42(e), if a carrier's projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million, it must, at least 60 days before the exemption becomes effective, post a notice of its intent to undertake the proposed transaction at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines, serve a copy of the notice on the national offices of the labor unions with employees on the affected lines, and certify to the Board that it has done so. Concurrently with its verified notice, however, BBRC filed a petition for waiver of the labor notice requirements. BBRC's waiver request will be addressed in a separate decision.

BBRC states that it expects to consummate the transaction on or sometime after the effective date of the exemption. The Board will establish the effective date in its separate decision on the waiver request.

If the 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 effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than September 24, 2021.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 34495 (Sub-No. 1), should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on BBRC's representative, Robert A. Wimbish, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606.

According to BBRC, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b)(1).

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Raina S. White,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[DOT Docket Number: FAA-2021-0847]

NextGen Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the NextGen Advisory Committee (NAC).

DATES: The meeting will be held virtually, on October 19, 2021, from 1:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m. EDT. Requests to attend the meeting virtually and request for accommodations for a disability must be received by October 5, 2021. If you wish to make a public statement during the meeting, you must submit a written copy of your remarks by October 5, 2021. Written materials requested to be reviewed by NAC Members before the meeting must be received no later than October 5, 2021.

ADDRESSES: This will be a virtual meeting. Virtual meeting information will be provided upon registration. Information on the NAC, including copies of previous meeting minutes, is available on the NAC internet website at https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ang/nac/. Members of the public interested in attending must send the required information listed in the **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION** section to 9-AWA-ANG-NACRegistration@faa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Schwab, NAC Coordinator, U.S. Department of Transportation, at gregory.schwab@faa.gov or 202-267-1201. Any requests or questions not regarding attendance registration should be sent to the person listed in this section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Secretary of Transportation established the NAC under agency authority in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, Public Law 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, to provide independent advice and recommendations to the FAA, and to respond to specific taskings received directly from the FAA. The NAC recommends consensus-driven advice for FAA consideration relating to Air Traffic Management System modernization.

¹ BBRC states that it began operating over the Line in 2004. See *Buckingham Branch R.R.—Lease—CSX Transp.*, FD 34495 (STB served Nov. 5, 2004).

II. Agenda

At the meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics:

- NAC Chairman's Report
- FAA Report
- NAC Subcommittee Chairman's Report
 - Risk and Mitigations update for the following focus areas: Multiple Runway Operations, Data Communications, Performance Based Navigation, Surface and Data Sharing, and Northeast Corridor
- NAC Chairman Closing Comments

The detailed agenda will be posted on the NAC internet website at least one week in advance of the meeting.

III. Public Participation

This virtual meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend are asked to register via email by submitting their full legal name, country of citizenship, contact information (telephone number and email address), and name of your industry association, or applicable affiliation. Please email this information to the email address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. When registration is confirmed, registrants will be provided the virtual meeting information/teleconference call-in number and passcode. Callers are responsible for paying associated long-distance charges (if any).

Note: Only NAC Members, members of the public who have registered to make a public statement, and NAC working groups and FAA staff who are providing briefings will have the ability to speak. All other attendees will be able to listen only.

The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Five minutes will be allotted for oral comments from members of the public joining the meeting. This time may be extended if there is a significant number of members of the public wishing to provide an oral comment. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for each commenter may be limited. Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must submit a request at the time of registration, as well as the name, address, and organizational affiliation of the proposed speaker. If the number of registrants requesting to make statements is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the meeting, FAA may conduct a lottery to

determine the speakers. Speakers are required to submit a copy of their prepared remarks for inclusion in the meeting records and for circulation to NAC members to the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All prepared remarks submitted on time will be accepted and considered as part of the meeting's record.

Members of the public may submit written statements for inclusion in the meeting records and circulation to the NAC members. Written statements need to be submitted to the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Comments received after the due date listed in the **DATES** section will be distributed to the members but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting. Any member of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 14th day of September, 2021.

Tiffany Ottilia McCoy,

General Engineer, NextGen Office of Collaboration and Messaging, ANG-M, Office of the Assistant Administrator for NextGen, Federal Aviation Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Drone Advisory Committee (DAC); Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Drone Advisory Committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 27, 2021, between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Requests for reasonable accommodations must be received by October 20, 2021.

Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than October 20, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually. Members of the public who wish to observe the virtual meeting can access the livestream from either of the following FAA social media platforms on the day of the event, <https://www.facebook.com/FAA> or <https://www.youtube.com/FAAnews>. For copies of meeting minutes, along with all other information please visit the DAC

internet website at https://www.faa.gov/uas/programs_partnerships/drone_advisory_committee/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Kolb, UAS Stakeholder & Committee Liaison, Federal Aviation Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, at gary.kolb@faa.gov or 202-267-4441. Any committee related request or request for reasonable accommodations should be sent to the person listed in this section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The DAC was created under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), in accordance with Title 5 of the United States Code (5 U.S.C. App. 2) to provide the FAA with advice on key UAS integration issues by helping to identify challenges and prioritize improvements.

II. Agenda

At the meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics:

- Official Statement of the Designated Federal Officer
- Approval of the Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes
- Opening Remarks
- FAA Update
- Industry-Led Technical Topics
- New Business/Agenda Topics
- Closing Remarks
- Adjourn

Additional details will be posted on the DAC internet website address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section at least seven days in advance of the meeting

III. Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public and livestreamed. Members of the public who wish to observe the virtual meeting can access the livestream from either of the following FAA social media platforms on the day of the event, <https://www.facebook.com/FAA> or <https://www.youtube.com/FAAnews>. The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

The FAA is not accepting oral presentations at this meeting due to time constraints. Written statements submitted by the deadline will be provided to the DAC members before the meeting. Any member of the public may submit a written statement to the committee at any time.