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Written comments submitted in response to this request will be placed in a file open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.5, except business confidential information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6. Business confidential information submitted in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6 must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" at the top of each page, including any cover letter or cover page, and must be accompanied by a nonconfidential summary of the confidential information. All public documents and nonconfidential summaries shall be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room of the Annex of the Office of the USTR, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public, by appointment only, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. An appointment to review the file must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance and may be made by calling (202) 395-6186.

General information concerning the Office of the United States Trade Representative may be obtained by accessing its Internet Web site (<http://www.ustr.gov>).

Carmen Suro-Bredie,

Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Announcement of FAA Advisory Circular (AC) 145-RSTP (Draft), Repair Station Training Program

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of AC, and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and requests comments on AC 145-RSTP that provides guidance on eligibility, application, and selection for the repair station training program.

DATES: Submit comments on or before January 21, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on AC 145-RSTP to Mr. Herbert E. Daniel, Aircraft Maintenance Division, General Aviation and Repair Station Branch (AFS-340), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591; facsimile (202) 267-5115; e-mail Herbert.E.Daniel@faa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Herbert E. Daniel, AFS-340, at the address, facsimile, or e-mail listed above, or by telephone at (202) 267-3109; or Mr. Dan Bachelder, AFS-340, at the address or facsimile listed above or e-mail Dan.Bachelder@faa.gov or by telephone at (202) 267-7027.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The proposed AC 145-RSTP is available on the FAA's Regulatory Guidance Library Web site at: http://www.airweb.faa.gov/Regulatory_and_Guidance_Library/rgDAC.nsf/MainFrame?OpenFrameSet under the Open for Comment link. Interested persons are invited to comment on the AC by submitting written data, views, or suggestions, as they may desire. Please identify AC 145-RSTP, Repair Station Training Program, and submit comments, either hardcopy or electronic, to the appropriate address listed above.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 17, 2004.

James J. Ballough,

Director, Flight Standards Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aging Transport Systems Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aging Transport Systems Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ATSRAC).

DATES: The ATSRAC will meet January 12 and 13, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. MST (10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST).

ADDRESSES: Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites, 5151 E. Grant Road, Tucson, AZ 85712.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shirley Stroman, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-208, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-7470; fax (202) 267-5075; or e-mail shirley.stroman@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces a meeting of the Aging Transport Systems Rulemaking Advisory Committee. The FAA will hold the meeting at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** heading of this notice. The meeting agenda will include the following topics:

- Small transport aircraft maintenance program development.
- Review and approval of HWG13 final report.
- Discussion of HWG12 recommendations.
- MMEL wiring issues.
- New requirements for design approval holders.
- Future of ATSRAC—New charter.

The meeting is open to the public; however, attendance will be limited by the size of the meeting room. The FAA will make the following services available if you request them by December 30, 2004.

- Teleconferencing.
- Sign and oral interpretation.
- A listening device.

Individuals using teleconferencing services and calling from outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area will be responsible for paying long-distance charges. To arrange for any of these services, contact the person listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** heading.

The public may present written statements to the Committee by providing 20 copies to the Committee's Executive Director. Public statements at the meeting will be considered if time

allows. You may contact the individual under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** heading for additional instructions if you want to file a written statement.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 16, 2004.

Brenda Courtney,

Acting Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34614]¹

Permian Basin Railways, Inc.— Acquisition of Control Exemption— Arizona Eastern Railway Company, Inc.

Permian Basin Railways, Inc. (Permian),² a noncarrier and short line railroad holding company, has filed a verified notice of exemption to acquire control through purchase of 100% of the outstanding stock of Arizona Eastern Railway Company, Inc. (AERC),³ a Class III short line railroad.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or about December 1, 2004.

Permian states that: (i) The railroads do not connect; (ii) the transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect these railroads with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. *See* 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Accordingly, the Board may not impose labor protective conditions here,

because all of the carriers involved are Class III rail carriers.

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 stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34614, 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: John D. Heffner, 1920 N Street, NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036.

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

Decided: December 13, 2004.

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 Finance Docket No. 34613]¹

Permian Basin Railways, Inc.— Acquisition of Control Exemption— West Texas and Lubbock Railroad Company, Inc.

Permian Basin Railways, Inc. (Permian),² a noncarrier and short line railroad holding company, has filed a verified notice of exemption to acquire control through purchase of 100% of the outstanding stock of West Texas and Lubbock Railroad Company, Inc. (WTLRR),³ a nonoperating⁴ Class III short line railroad.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or about December 1, 2004.

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Decided: December 13, 2004.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Activity Under OMB Review; Airline Service Quality Performance

AGENCY: Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of currently approved collections. The ICR describes the

¹ Simultaneously with this filing, in STB Finance Docket No. 34613, Permian filed a verified notice of exemption to acquire control of West Texas and Lubbock Railroad Company, Inc., a Class III short line railroad.

² Permian owns the stock of two Class III short line railroads, West Texas and Lubbock Railway Company, Inc. and the Austin & Northwestern Railway Company, Inc., d/b/a Texas New Mexican Railroad.

³ AERC is currently owned by Kyle Railways, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of RailAmerica Transportation Corp., a short line railroad holding company.

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³ WTLRR is currently owned by RailAmerica Transportation Corp., a short line railroad holding company.

⁴ WTLRR leases its tracks and facilities to WTLR.