

Federal Transit Administration published a notice regarding the National Rural Transportation Assistance Program Request for Proposals (RFP). The **DATES** and **Instruction** sections of this notice should be corrected to read as follows: **DATES:** Proposals must be submitted electronically by April 11, 2008.

VII. Instructions

2. Proposals must be received no later than 5:30 p.m., EST, April 11, 2008.

Effective Date: This correction takes effect on February 26, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Issued in Washington, DC this 4th day of March, 2008.

James S. Simpson,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-RSPA-2004-19856]

Pipeline Safety: Dangers of Abnormal Snow and Ice Build-Up on Gas Distribution Systems

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; Issuance of Advisory Bulletin.

SUMMARY: Recent events on natural gas distribution system facilities appear to be related to either the stress of snow and ice or malfunction of pressure control equipment due to ice blockage of pressure control equipment vents by ice. This advisory bulletin advises owners and operators of gas pipelines of the need to take steps to prevent damage to pipeline facilities from accumulated snow or ice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Mayberry at (202) 366-5124, or by e-mail at alan.mayberry@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The accumulation of snow and ice increases the potential for damage to meters and regulators and other pipeline facilities. Several accidents occurring during the winter of 2007/2008 on natural gas distribution system facilities

appear to be related to either the stress of snow and ice or malfunction of pressure control equipment due to ice blockage of pressure control equipment vents. Exposed piping at metering and pressure regulating stations, at service regulators, and at propane tanks, are at greatest risk. Damage may result from the stresses imposed by the additional loading of the snow or ice. Damage to facilities may also result from the impact of snow or ice falling from roofs, or ice forming in or on regulators preventing their proper operation, or shoveling snow from roofs to protect dwellings from abnormal snow accumulation.

II. Advisory Bulletin (ADB-08-03)

To: Owners and Operators of Petroleum Gas and Natural Gas Facilities in Areas Subject to Heavy Snowfall or Abnormally Icy Weather.

Subject: Dangers of Abnormal Snow and Ice Build-up on Gas Distribution Systems.

Purpose: To inform owners and operators of the need (1) to monitor the potential impact of excessive snow and ice on these facilities; and (2) to inform the public about possible hazards from snow and ice accumulation on regulators and other pipeline facilities.

Advisory: PHMSA is advising operators of gas pipeline facilities, regardless of whether those facilities are regulated by PHMSA or state agencies, to consider the following steps to address the safety risks from accumulated snow and ice on pipeline facilities:

1. Notify customers and other entities of the need for caution associated with excessive accumulation and removal of snow and ice. Notice should include the need to clear snow and ice from exhaust and combustion air vents for gas appliances to prevent accumulation of carbon monoxide in buildings or operational problems for the combustion equipment.

2. Pay attention to snow and ice related situations that may cause operational problems for pressure control and other equipment.

3. Monitor the accumulation of moisture in equipment and snow or ice blocking regulator or relief valve vents which could prevent regulators and relief valves from functioning properly.

4. The piping on service regulator sets is susceptible to damage that could result in failure if caution is not exercised in cleaning snow from around the equipment. Where possible, use a broom, instead of a shovel to clear snow off regulators, meters, associated piping, propane tanks, tubing, gauges or other propane system appurtenances.

5. Remind the public to contact the gas company or designated emergency response officials if there is an odor of gas present or if gas appliances are not functioning properly. Also remind the public that, if there is a gas or propane odor, occupants should leave the residence immediately and contact their gas company, propane operator or designated emergency response officials.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. chapter 601; 49 CFR 1.53.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 5, 2008.

Jeffrey D. Wiese,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-398 (Sub-No. 7X)]

San Joaquin Valley Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Tulare County, CA

On February 19, 2008, San Joaquin Valley Railroad Company (SJVR) filed with the Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a 30.57-mile portion of the South Exeter Branch between milepost 268.60 at Strathmore, CA, and milepost 299.17 at Jovista, CA, in Tulare County, CA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 93218, 93221, 93247, 93257, 93258, 93261, 93267, and 93270, and includes the stations of Strathmore (milepost 268.60), Porterville (milepost 274.80), Elmco (milepost 280.10), Ultra (milepost 282.00), Terra Bella (milepost 282.60), Ducor (milepost 287.10), Richgrove (milepost 294.90), and Jovista (milepost 299.17).

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in SJVR's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

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

SJVR states that the proposed abandonment may generate comments or replies, and it requests that the Board adopt a procedural schedule in this proceeding to permit SJVR to file rebuttal to any comments or replies received. Rather than address the request at this time, however, the Board

will instead allow SJVR to raise the matter again, if comments and replies in response to the petition are actually filed. Comments and replies to the petition for exemption will be due March 31, 2008. Once comments or replies are filed, SJVR may request leave to file rebuttal.

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 June 6, 2008.

Any 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 a \$1,300 filing fee. 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 March 31, 2008. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$200 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-398 (Sub-No. 7X), and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Louis E. Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Ave., Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204. As noted above, replies to the petition are due on or before March 31, 2008.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Government and Public Affairs at (202) 245-0230 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) 245-0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by 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.

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

Decided: February 28, 2008.

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

Anne K. Quinlan,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Zuckert, Scoutt & Rasenberger, LLP on behalf of Norfolk Southern Railway Company (WB568-5-3/4/08), for permission to use certain data from the Board's 2006 Carload Waybill Sample. A copy of the request may be obtained from the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

Contact: Mac Frampton, (202) 245-0317.

Anne K. Quinlan,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices; Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed New Privacy Act System of Records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Department of the Treasury, Office of Financial Education, gives notice of a proposed new system of records entitled "National Financial Literacy Challenge Records—Treasury/DO .217."

DATES: Comments must be received no later than April 9, 2008. This new system of records will be effective April 21, 2008 unless the Office of Financial

Education receives comments that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Edwin Bodensiek, Director of Outreach for Financial Education, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

The Department will make such comments available for public inspection and copying in the Department's Library, Room 1428, Main Department Building, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Time. You can make an appointment to inspect comments by telephoning (202) 622-0204. All comments, including attachments and other supporting materials, received are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Edwin Bodensiek, Director of Outreach for Financial Education, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220, at 202-622-8811 or via electronic mail at ed.bodensiek@do.treas.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this system is to determine award eligibility under the program described below which is expected to be called the National Financial Literacy Challenge or a similar name, ("Challenge"), and to provide data for analysis on improving financial literacy. The Challenge is a new initiative in which participating high school students age 13 and above voluntarily take a test of their financial literacy. The Challenge consists of approximately 35 substantive multiple choice questions about savings, credit, income, financial responsibility, and money and risk management, as well as approximately seven demographic questions on items such as the student's age, grade level (*i.e.*, sophomore, junior, etc.) gender, race and/or ethnicity. Students who attain sufficiently high scores will receive certificates and/or awards. The Department may seek to publicly recognize top-scoring students, but will obtain parental consent prior to doing so.

The test questions would not be part of the system of records because the questions would not ask for personally identifiable information. The system of records will include, for test participants, the high schools' names and addresses; students' names; students' scores; student names,