

Transport Committee at its meeting February 13–15, 2001.

List of Meetings of the World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations and Its Working Parties of Experts in 2001

January

- 8–13 Working Party on Lighting (GRE) Informal Working Group on Lighting Installation
- 16–19 Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE) (forty-first session)
- 29–2 Feb. Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF) (forty-ninth session)

February

- 20–23 Working Party on Noise (GRB) (thirty-fourth session)

March

- 6 Administrative Committee for the Coordination of Work (WP.29/AC.2) (seventy-fifth session)
- 6–9 World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) (one-hundred-and-twenty-third session), Executive Committee to the 1998 Global Agreement (first session), and Administrative Committee to the 1958 Agreement (AC.1) (seventeenth session)
- 27–30 Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signalling (GRE) (forty-sixth session)

April

- 2–6 Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG) (eightieth session), including Informal Meeting on Vehicle Classification

May

- 7–11 Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP) (twenty-ninth session)
- 29–1 June Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE) (forty second session)

June

- 25–27 Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF) Informal Meeting on Tires
- 25 Administrative Committee for the Coordination of Work (WP.29/AC.2) (seventy-sixth session)
- 26–29 World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) (one-hundred-and-twenty-fourth session), Executive Committee of the 1998 Global Agreement (second session), and Administrative Committee to the 1958 Agreement (AC.1) (eighteenth session)

September

- 10–12 Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF) (fiftieth session)

- 13–14 Working Party on Noise (GRB) (thirty-fifth session)

October

- 1–5 Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signalling (GRE) (forty-seventh session)
- 6–13 Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG) (eighty-first session), including Informal Meeting on Vehicle Classification

November

- 5 Administrative Committee for the Coordination of Work (WP.29/AC.2) (seventy-seventh session)
- 6–9 World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) (one-hundred-and-twenty-fifth session), Executive Committee of the 1998 Global Agreement (third session) and Administrative Committee to the 1958 Agreement (AC.1) (nineteenth session)

December

- 3–6 Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP) (thirtieth session)

Issued on February 26, 2001.

Julie Abraham,

Director, Office of International Policy and Harmonization.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB–478 (Sub-No. 2X)]

Charles City Area Development Corporation d/b/a Charles City Railway—Abandonment Exemption—in Floyd County, IA

Charles City Area Development Corporation d/b/a Charles City Railway (Applicant) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 3.6-mile line of railroad extending from milepost 0.0 to milepost 3.6 within Charles City, Floyd County, IA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 50616.

Applicant has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) no overhead traffic has been handled over the line for at least 2 years; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within

the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on April 11, 2001, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by March 22, 2001. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by April 2, 2001, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: T. Scott Bannister, 1300 Des Moines Building, 405—Sixth Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

Applicant has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by March 16, 2001. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565–1545. Comments on environmental and historic preservation

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), Applicant shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by Applicant's filing of a notice of consummation by March 12, 2002, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Decided: March 5, 2001.

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 Ex Parte No. 347 (Sub-No. 3)]

General Procedures for Presenting Evidence in Stand-Alone Cost Rate Cases

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of procedural guidelines.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (Board) has issued procedural guidelines governing the filing of evidence in stand-alone cost (SAC) rate cases.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 11, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas J. Stilling, (202) 565-1567. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 565-1695.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In recent months, the Board has received several new complaints challenging the reasonableness of rates charged by railroads. The Board's SAC test developed in *Coal Rate Guidelines, Nationwide*, 1 I.C.C.2d 520 (1985) will be used in many of the cases to evaluate the reasonableness of the rates. Because it requires a significant commitment of agency resources to review the SAC presentations of the litigants, the Board has developed procedures to streamline and standardize evidence. In a decision served March 12, 2001, the Board explained that the procedures are "designed to standardize the format for submitting written presentations,

workpapers and electronic spreadsheets, and better focus the evidence so that [the Board] can more efficiently and effectively evaluate the records in [SAC] cases."

A printed copy of the Board's decision in Ex Parte No. 347 (Sub-No. 3) is available for a fee by contacting Da-To-Da Office Solutions, Room 405, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, telephone (202) 466-5530. The decision is also available for viewing and downloading on the Board's website at www.stb.dot.gov.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Clyburn and Commissioner Burkes.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[CO-24-95 and CO-11-91]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning existing final regulations, CO-24-95 (TD 8660), Consolidated Groups—Intercompany Transactions and Related Rules, and CO-11-91 (TD 8597), Consolidated Groups and Controlled Groups—Intercompany Transactions and Related Rules (§ 1.1502-13).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 11, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue

Service, room 5242, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: CO-24-95, Consolidated Groups—Intercompany Transactions and Related Rules, and CO-11-91, Consolidated Groups and Controlled Groups—Intercompany Transactions and Related Rules.

OMB Number: 1545-1433.

Regulation Project Numbers: CO-11-91 and CO-24-95.

Abstract: The regulations require common parents that make elections under regulation section 1.1502-13 to provide certain information. The information will be used to identify and assure that the amount, location, timing and attributes of intercompany transactions and corresponding items are properly maintained.

Current Actions: There is no change to these existing regulations.

Type of Review: Extension of OMB approval.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,200.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 29 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 1,050.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information