

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board****[STB Finance Docket No. 34292]****Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority—Acquisition Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company**

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) approximately 14.88 miles of railroad right-of-way and related improvements known as the WP Milpitas Line. The line is located between a point north of Pasco Padre Parkway at approximately UP milepost 2.61 (former Western Pacific Railroad (WP) San Jose Branch milepost 33.14), and William Street in San Jose, CA, at approximately UP milepost 17.49 (former WP San Jose Branch milepost 48.02), in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties, CA. VTA is acquiring the line in order to construct a public transportation system.¹ VTA will not obtain the right or obligation to conduct freight rail service on any portion of the line, and will not at any time hold itself out as a freight common carrier. UP will retain an exclusive permanent easement for purposes of providing freight rail service on the line.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on December 11, 2002, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.² Petitions to reopen the proceeding 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34292, 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 Charles A. Spitulnik, One Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20001.

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¹ According to VTA, construction will begin after UP has relocated its freight rail service to an adjacent line and abandoned or discontinued operations on the subject line.

² VTA, a State of California public agency, asserts that, because it will not be acquiring a common carrier obligation here, the Board lacks jurisdiction over this transaction. For that reason, VTA states that it intends to file a motion to dismiss and vacate this notice. If and when such a motion is filed, it will be addressed in a subsequent Board decision.

Decided: December 17, 2002.

By the Board,

David M. Konschnik,*Director, Office of Proceedings.***Vernon A. Williams,***Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service****AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, Treasury.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting and announcement of membership.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the date, time, and location for the first meeting of the eighth renewed term of the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations (COAC), announcement of members, and the provisional agenda for consideration by the Committee.

DATES: The next meeting of the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service will be held on Friday, January 24, 2003, at 9 a.m. at the Department of the Treasury, in the Cash Room, located at 15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. (Main entrance off of Pennsylvania Avenue) The duration of the meeting will be approximately four hours, starting at 9 a.m.

Membership: The twenty (20) members for the eighth term of COAC are:

Sandra M. Fallgatter, JC Penny Purchasing Corp.
Carol Fuchs, Katten, Muchin, Zaris, & Roseman
Dennis Heck, Yamaha Corp. of America
Michael D. Laden, Target Customs Brokers, Inc.
Arthur Litman, Tower Group
James Finnegan, Kulicke & Soffa
Angela Gitten, Miami International Airport
D. Scott Johnson, Gap, Inc.
Marian Ladner, Strasburger and Price
Mary Jo Muoio, Barthco International, Inc.
Peterson, John F., C.H. Powell Company
Norman Schenk, United Parcel Service
Sandra Scott, Roadway Express
Renee Stein, Microsoft Corporation
Thomas G. Travis, Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg
Karen Phillips, Canadian National
Robert Schueler, Jr., Delphi Corporation
Kevin M. Smith, General Motors Corp.
Katherine M. Terricciano, Philips Electronics N. America

Tim Van Oost, BP

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Helen Belt, Tariff and Trade Specialist (Regulatory, Tariff, and Trade Enforcement), Office of the Under Secretary (Enforcement), telephone—(202) 622-0230.

At this meeting, the Advisory Committee is expected to pursue the following agenda. The agenda may be modified prior to the meeting.

Agenda:

- (1) Customs Business.
- (2) Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, 24-hr. Manifest Rules, Customs Structure in Department of Homeland Security.
- (3) Merchandise Processing Fee; Proper Deduction of Freight & Other Costs from Customs Value.
- (4) OR&R.
- (5) Committee Administration.
- (6) Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public; however, participation in the Committee's deliberations is limited to Committee members, Customs and Treasury Department staff, and persons invited to attend the meeting for special presentations. A person other than an Advisory Committee member who wishes to attend the meeting should contact Theresa Manning at (202) 622-0220 or Helen Belt at (202) 622-0230 for pre-clearance.

Dated: December 19, 2002.

Timothy E. Skud,*Deputy Assistant Secretary, (Regulatory, Tariff, and Trade Enforcement).*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Departmental Offices Designation of Nauru and Ukraine as Primary Money Laundering Concerns****AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, Treasury.**ACTION:** Notice of designation.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Department of the Treasury, on December 20, 2002, designated the countries of Nauru and Ukraine as primary money laundering concerns pursuant to section 5318A of Title 31, U.S.C., as added by section 311 of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (U.S.A. Patriot Act) Act of 2001.

DATES: The designations made by this notice are effective December 20, 2002. Comments on certain aspects of this