

and December 1, 2012, detailing the status of the divestitures. In the same letter, the Board also stated that should any developments or change in circumstances at any other time that affect the course of divestiture arise, Berkshire should bring them to the Board's attention immediately.

On September 28, 2011, the Board opened this proceeding to address the May 2, 2011 petition of the Western Coal Traffic League (WCTL), where WCTL asked the Board to issue an order declaring that the Board will adjust the Uniform Railroad Costing System (URCS) costs of BNSF for calendar year 2010 and subsequent years. In particular, WCTL asked the Board to declare that it will exclude the write-up in BNSF's net investment base attributable to the difference between the BNSF's book value and the price that Berkshire paid to acquire BNSF in 2010, and to make corresponding changes in BNSF's annual URCS depreciation calculations. WCTL argued that the inclusion of the write-up could have an impact in rate cases, the determination of BNSF's revenue adequacy, and other matters. On March 22, 2012, the Board held a public hearing to explore the arguments raised by WCTL, BNSF, and other parties to the proceeding.

The Board now seeks comments from the public on the effect, if any, of Berkshire's non-compliance with § 11323 upon this proceeding. Berkshire's 2010 acquisition of BNSF was and remains subject to the Board's jurisdiction pursuant to § 11323, but Berkshire will not come into compliance until December 31, 2012 (by its estimates). The Board seeks comments on the effect, if any, of Berkshire's non-compliance with § 11323 on the legal and accounting principles that govern acquisition premiums within rail mergers, here the post-February 2010 valuation of BNSF's asset base.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. Comments are due by November 8, 2012.
2. Replies are due by November 28, 2012.
3. This decision is effective on its service date.

Decided: October 9, 2012.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Debt Management Advisory Committee; Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 10(a)(2), that a meeting will be held at the Hay-Adams Hotel, 16th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC, on October 30, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. of the following debt management advisory committee:

Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association.

The agenda for the meeting provides for a charge by the Secretary of the Treasury or his designate that the Committee discuss particular issues and conduct a working session. Following the working session, the Committee will present a written report of its recommendations. The meeting will be closed to the public, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 10(d) and Public Law 103-202, § 202(c)(1)(B)(31 U.S.C. 3121 note).

This notice shall constitute my determination, pursuant to the authority placed in heads of agencies by 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 10(d) and vested in me by Treasury Department Order No. 101-05, that the meeting will consist of discussions and debates of the issues presented to the Committee by the Secretary of the Treasury and the making of recommendations of the Committee to the Secretary, pursuant to Public Law 103-202, 202(c)(1)(B). Thus, this information is exempt from disclosure under that provision and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3)(B). In addition, the meeting is concerned with information that is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A). The public interest requires that such meetings be closed to the public because the Treasury Department requires frank and full advice from representatives of the financial community prior to making its final decisions on major financing operations. Historically, this advice has been offered by debt management advisory committees established by the several major segments of the financial community. When so utilized, such a committee is recognized to be an advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 3.

Although the Treasury's final announcement of financing plans may

not reflect the recommendations provided in reports of the Committee, premature disclosure of the Committee's deliberations and reports would be likely to lead to significant financial speculation in the securities market. Thus, this meeting falls within the exemption covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A).

Treasury staff will provide a technical briefing to the press on the day before the Committee meeting, following the release of a statement of economic conditions and financing estimates. This briefing will give the press an opportunity to ask questions about financing projections. The day after the Committee meeting, Treasury will release the minutes of the meeting, any charts that were discussed at the meeting, and the Committee's report to the Secretary.

The Office of Debt Management is responsible for maintaining records of debt management advisory committee meetings and for providing annual reports setting forth a summary of Committee activities and such other matters as may be informative to the public consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552(b). The Designated Federal Officer or other responsible agency official who may be contacted for additional information is Fred Pietrangeli, Deputy Director for Office of Debt Management (202) 622-1876.

Dated: October 3, 2012.

Matthew S. Rutherford,
Assistant Secretary, Financial Markets.

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INSTITUTE OF PEACE

Notice of Meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 (9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.).

Location: 2301 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Status: Open Session—Portions may be closed pursuant to Subsection (c) of Section 552(b) of Title 5, United States Code, as provided in subsection 1706(h)(3) of the United States Institute of Peace Act, Public Law 98-525.

Agenda: October 24, 2012 Board Meeting; Approval of Minutes of the One Hundred Forty-Fourth Meeting (July 19, 2012) of the Board of Directors; Chairman's Report; President's Report; Update on Management, Budget and Congress; Update on USIP Work in Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Libya, Tunisia, Egypt and Iraq; Board Executive Session; Other General Issues.

Contact: Tessie F. Higgs, Executive Office, Telephone: (202) 429-3836.