

exemption will be effective on October 1, 2013, 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 September 9, 2013. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by September 19, 2013, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to UP's representative: Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920, Chicago, IL 60606.

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

UP has filed a combined environmental and historic report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by September 6, 2013. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to OEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling OEA at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. 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 OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,600. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

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), UP 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 UP's filing of a notice of consummation by August 30, 2014, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "www.stb.dot.gov."

Decided: August 23, 2013.

By the Board.

Richard Armstrong,

Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans will be held on September 11-13, 2013, in the William Phillip King Room at The Emily Morgan Hotel, 705 East Houston Street, San Antonio. The Committee will meet from 8 a.m. each day until 4 p.m. on September 11-12 and until noon on September 13.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with an on-going assessment of the effectiveness of the policies, organizational structures, and services of the Department in assisting homeless Veterans. The Committee shall assemble and review information relating to the needs of homeless Veterans and provide

on-going advice on the most appropriate means of providing assistance to homeless Veterans. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

On the morning of September 11, the Committee will convene in open session to receive briefings from VA and other officials regarding services for homeless Veterans. In the afternoon, the Committee will convene in closed session in order to protect patient privacy to conduct site visits to the American GI Forum Residential Center at 519 N. Medina Street, San Antonio, Texas, and the Haven for Hope at 1 Haven for Hope Way, San Antonio, Texas. Closing this session is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6).

On September 12, the Committee will reconvene in an open session to receive briefings from VA and other officials regarding services for homeless Veterans. The Committee then will discuss items for its upcoming annual report and recommendations to the Secretary.

On September 13, the Committee will reconvene in open session to begin drafting items and recommendations for its upcoming annual report to the Secretary. No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Interested parties should provide written comments on issues affecting homeless Veterans for review by the Committee to Mr. Vince Kane, Designated Federal Officer, Homeless Veterans Initiative Office (075D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 1722 Eye Street NW., Washington, DC 20006, or email to vince.kane@va.gov. Individuals who wish to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Kane at (202) 461-1857.

Dated: August 26, 2013.

By Direction of the Secretary:

Vivian Drake,

Committee Management Officer.

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