

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Intent To Rule on Application (03-03-C-00-HLN) To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Helena Regional Airport, Submitted by the Helena Regional Airport Authority, Helena, MT**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use PFC revenue at Helena Regional Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 23, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: David S. Stelling, Manager; Helena Airports District Office, HLN-ADO; Federal Aviation Administration; 2725 Skyway Drive, Suite 2, Helena, MT 59602.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Ronald S. Mercer, Airport Director, at the following address: 2850 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT 59602.

Air Carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided at Helena Regional Airport, under section 158.23 of part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David S. Stelling, 406-449-5271, Airports District Office, 2725 Skyway Drive, Suite 2, Helena, MT 59602. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application (03-03-C-00-HLN) to impose and use PFC revenue at Helena Regional Airport, under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On May 13, 2003, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC, submitted by Helena Regional Airport, Helena, Montana, was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later

than August 22, 2003. The following is a brief overview of the application.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$4.50.

Proposed charge-effective date: October 1, 2003.

Proposed charge-expiration date: June 1, 2010.

Total requested for use approval: \$2,350,897.

Brief description of proposed projects: Disabled Passenger Access Lift Acquisition; Southside Taxilane Construction—Phase I; Southside Taxilane Construction—Phase II; Loop Road and Parking Lot Improvements; Runway 9 perimeter Access Road; Terminal Building Expansion and Remodel; Snow Removal Equipment Acquisition; and Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Equipment Acquisition.

Class or classes of air carriers that the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFC's: On-demand, Air Taxi/Commercial Operators (ATCO).

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and at the FAA Regional Airports Office located at: Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Airports Division, ANM-600, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Suite 315, Renton, WA 98055-4056.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Helena Regional Airport.

Issued in Renton, Washington on May 13, 2003.

David A. Field,

Manager, Planning, Programming and Capacity Branch, Northwest Mountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: Rail Corridor—Petersburg, Virginia (Collier Yard) to Raleigh, North Carolina (Boylan Wye)**

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The FRA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Tier II Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for a 138-mile portion of the Southeast High Speed Rail

(SEHSR) Corridor from Petersburg, Virginia (Collier Yard) to Raleigh, North Carolina (Boylan Wye).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Foster, Rail Environmental Programs Manager, North Carolina Department of Transportation Rail Division, 1553 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC, 27699-1553, telephone (919) 508-1917; or Mr. David Valenstein, Environmental Program Manager, Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), 400 Seventh Street, SW., MS 20, Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 493-6368.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FRA, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT), will prepare a Tier II Environmental Impact Statement for a 138-mile portion of the SEHSR Corridor from Petersburg, Virginia at Collier Yard to Raleigh, North Carolina at the Boylan Wye. This study will evaluate alternatives and environmental impacts within the preferred corridor (Alternative A) described in the Tier I Record of Decision for the SEHSR Corridor from Washington, DC to Charlotte, North Carolina. The study corridor generally follows the Burgess Connector rail line from Collier Yard to Burgess, Virginia and the former Seaboard Air Line (S-line) from Burgess to Raleigh, North Carolina.

Multiple options within the preferred corridor exist to connect the S-line from Burgess to Main Street Station in Richmond, Virginia, which is the destination for intercity rail service in this segment of the SEHSR Corridor. VDRPT and the FRA propose to address options in this area in separate environmental documentation to be prepared prior to construction of the SEHSR between Richmond, Virginia and Raleigh, North Carolina. Different routings are possible through Petersburg and capacity issues exist on the A-line particularly crossing the Appomattox River would be considered in the separate documentation.

This environmental process has four basic goals: (1) Reiterate the purpose and need as established in the Tier I EIS for the Washington DC to Charlotte NC portion of the SEHSR corridor; (2) develop alternatives within the study corridor; (3) conduct a detailed evaluation of environmental impacts for the alternatives; and (4) select a preferred alternative.

Scoping and Comments: FRA encourages broad participation in the EIS process during scoping and

subsequent review of the resulting environmental documents. Comments and suggestions are invited from all interested agencies and the public at large to insure the full range of issues related to the proposed action and all reasonable alternatives are addressed and all significant issues are identified. Public agencies with jurisdiction are requested to advise the FRA and NCDOT of the applicable permit and environmental review requirements of each agency, and the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to the agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed improvements. Agency scoping meetings have been scheduled for June 17 and 18, 2003 at the following locations:

- June 17, 10:30 am, VDRPT Executive Conference Room, 1313 East Main Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA.
- June 18, 10:00 am, NCDOT Photogrammetry Conference Room, Room 322-A, 1020 Birch Ridge Drive, Building B, Raleigh, NC.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies in North Carolina and Virginia. An iterative public involvement/information program will support the process. The program will involve newsletters, a project hotline, informational workshops, small group meetings, and other methods to solicit and incorporate public input throughout the planning process.

Comments and questions concerning the proposed action should be directed to NCDOT or to the FRA at the addresses provided above. Additional information can be obtained by visiting the project Web site at <http://www.sehsr.org> or calling the toll-free project number 1-877-749-RAIL (7245).

Issued in Washington DC on May 15, 2003.

Mark E. Yachmetz,

Associate Administrator for Railroad Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34343]

International Steel Group Inc.— Continuance in Control Exemption— ISG Railways, Inc.

International Steel Group Inc. (ISG), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of ISG

Railways, Inc. (ISG Railways),¹ upon ISG Railways becoming a Class II rail carrier.

This transaction is related to a simultaneously filed verified notice of exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 34344, *ISG Railways, Inc.—Acquisition of Control Exemption—Assets of Keystone Railroad LLC d/b/a Philadelphia, Bethlehem and New England Railroad Company, Conemaugh & Black Lick Railroad Company LLC, Steelton & Highspire Railroad Company LLC, Lake Michigan & Indiana Railroad Company LLC, Brandywine Valley Railroad Company LLC, Upper Merion & Plymouth Railroad Company LLC, Patapsco & Back Rivers Railroad Company LLC, and Cambria and Indiana Railroad, Inc.*, wherein ISG Railways seeks to acquire the rail lines and substantially all other assets of Keystone Railroad LLC d/b/a Philadelphia, Bethlehem and New England Railroad Company, Conemaugh & Black Lick Railroad Company LLC, Steelton & Highspire Railroad Company LLC, Lake Michigan & Indiana Railroad Company LLC, Brandywine Valley Railroad Company LLC, Upper Merion & Plymouth Railroad Company LLC, Patapsco & Back Rivers Railroad Company LLC, and Cambria and Indiana Railroad, Inc., all Class III rail carrier subsidiaries of Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

The proposed transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after April 29, 2003, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

ISG currently indirectly controls two existing Class III railroads: ISG South Chicago & Indiana Harbor Railway Company, operating in Illinois and Indiana, and ISG Cleveland Works Railway Company, operating in Ohio.²

ISG states that: (1) The rail lines to be acquired by ISG Railways will not connect with the rail lines of any existing rail carrier in the ISG corporate family; (2) this control transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would result in such a connection; and (3) this control transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval of requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. *See* 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

¹ ISG Railways, is a wholly owned subsidiary of ISG Acquisition, Inc., which is a wholly owned subsidiary of ISG.

² *See International Steel Group, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—ISG South Chicago & Indiana Harbor Railway Company and ISG Cleveland Works Railway Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 34201 (STB served May 19, 2002).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Because the transaction involves at least one Class II and one or more Class III rail carriers, the exemption is subject to labor protection requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11326(b).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions 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. 34343, 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 Kevin M. Sheys, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue, NW.,—2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20036.

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

Decided: May 15, 2003.

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 Finance Docket No. 34344]

ISG Railways, Inc.—Acquisition of Control Exemption—Assets of Keystone Railroad LLC d/b/a Philadelphia, Bethlehem and New England Railroad Company, Conemaugh & Black Lick Railroad Company LLC, Steelton & Highspire Railroad Company LLC, Lake Michigan & Indiana Railroad Company LLC, Brandywine Valley Railroad Company LLC, Upper Merion & Plymouth Railroad Company LLC, Patapsco & Back Rivers Railroad Company LLC, and Cambria and Indiana Railroad, Inc.

ISG Railways, Inc. (ISG Railways),¹ a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption to acquire, pursuant to an asset purchase agreement, the rail lines and substantially all other assets of Keystone Railroad LLC d/b/a Philadelphia, Bethlehem and New

¹ ISG Railways is a wholly owned subsidiary of ISG Acquisition, Inc., which is a wholly owned subsidiary of International Steel Group Inc.