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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title V of Pub. L. 105-383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (no more than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested parties. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in 388.4 of MARAD'S regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested. Name of vessel: PEZ VELA. Owner: John and Delilah Carroll.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. According to the Certificate of Documentation: "Gross 16, Net 13, Length 42.8, Breadth 13.1, Depth 4.5."

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant: "six (6) pack sport fishing charters" "Cabo San Lucas, Mexico to Santa Barbara, California."

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1973. Place of construction: Unknown per Certificate of Documentation.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant: "Estimation of impact to fishing charter fleet industry little to none San Diego has a very large market for sport fishing and all available boats are usually 80 to 90 percent booked prior to start of fishing season."

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant: "No impact expectation from such a small operation of one (1) boat."

Dated: November 6, 2001.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

International Standards on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; Public Meetings

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested persons that RSPA will conduct a public meeting in preparation for the twentieth session of the United Nation's Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE) to be held December 5-11, 2001 in Geneva, Switzerland.

DATES: November 28, 2001 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, Room 6200-6204.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at DOT Headquarters, Nassif Building, Room 6200-6204, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Richard, International Standards Coordinator, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366-0656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the meeting will be to prepare and discuss positions for the twentieth session of the UNSCOE. Topics to be covered during the public meeting will include (1) Criteria for Environmentally Hazardous Substances, (2) Intermodal requirements for the transport of solids in bulk containers, (3) Harmonized requirements for compressed gas cylinders, (4) Portable tank requirements, (5) Classification of individual substances, (6) Requirements for packagings used to transport hazardous materials, (7) Requirements for infectious substances, and (8) Hazard communication requirements.

The public is invited to attend without prior notification.

Documents

Copies of documents for the UNSCOE meeting may be obtained by downloading them for the United Nations Transport Division's Web site at <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc/c3doc.html>. Information

concerning UN dangerous goods meetings including agendas can be downloaded at <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc/c3.html>. These sites may also be accessed through RSPA's Hazardous Materials Safety homepage at <http://hazmat.dot.gov/intstandards.htm>. RSPA's site provides information regarding the UNSCOE and the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling for Chemicals, a summary of decisions taken at the 21st session of the UN Committee of Experts, meeting dates and a summary of the primary topics which are to be addressed in the 2001-2002 biennium.

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Robert A. McGuire,

Associate Administrator, for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34123]

B&H Rail Corp.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company

B&H Rail Corp. (B&H), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate two rail lines in Steuben County, NY, as follows: (1) B&H will acquire, by assignment, all of the contractual operating rights of Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad Corporation (LAL) over an approximately 34.03-mile rail line that extends between approximately milepost 8.68, at Hammondsport, and approximately milepost 0.85, at Bath (which is also designated as approximately milepost 285.10), and from that point to approximately 311.3 in Wayland,¹ and (2) B&H will sublease from Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) an approximately 17.08-mile connecting rail line that extends between approximately milepost 285.10, at Bath,

¹ The Steuben County Industrial Development Authority owns the 34.03-mile rail line (SCIDA line). LAL's operation of the SCIDA line was previously exempted by the Board in *Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad Corp.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Steuben County Industrial Development Agency*, STB Finance Docket No. 32941 (STB served May 22, 1996). B&H states that it has operated the SCIDA line (under its former name, Conhocton Valley Railroad Corporation) as LAL's contract operator since January of 2001.