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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From Requirements

Pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 235 and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), the following railroads have petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of the signal system or relief from the requirements of 49 CFR part 236 as detailed below.

Docket Number FRA-2006-23593

Applicant: Union Pacific Railroad Company, Mr. Doug W. Wills, Senior

Director Operating Practices/Safety, 1400 Douglas Street, Mail Stop 1020, Omaha, Nebraska 68179-1020.

The Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) seeks temporary relief from the requirements of part 236, section 236.566, of the Rules, Standard and Instructions, to the extent that UP be permitted to operate foreign non-equipped locomotives in detour movements, over UP automatic cab signal/automatic train stop territory, on the Portland Subdivision, between Crates, Oregon, milepost 81.6 and East Portland, milepost 0.6, a distance of approximately 81 miles, from February 14, 2006 through April 14, 2006. The detour movements will consist of four Burlington Northern and Sante Fe (BNSF) freight trains daily.

Applicant's justification for relief: BNSF has requested the detour arrangement to accommodate track improvements on one of their line.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and contain a concise statement of the interest of the party in the proceeding. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.

All communications concerning this proceeding should be identified by the docket number and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Communications received will be considered as far as practicable by the FRA before final action is taken. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.—5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD 2005-22519]

Availability of a Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of a finding of no significant impact and finding of no practicable alternative.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this Notice is to make available to the public the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) derived from the Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding the Cherry Hill Material Extraction and Transport Project on Elmendorf Air Force Base. Included in the FONSI is a Finding of No Practicable Alternative that addresses wetland loss.

The objective of this Project is to extract and transport suitable fill material for the Port of Anchorage Intermodal Expansion (Expansion). The Expansion will improve and enhance the existing dock and terminal capability at the Port to facilitate the transportation of goods and people within the State of Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel E. Yuska, Jr., Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Environmental Activities, U.S. Maritime Administration, 400 7th Street, SW., Room 7209, Washington, DC 20590; telephone (202) 366-0714, fax (202) 366-6988.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Maritime Administration, in cooperation with the Port of Anchorage, completed an EA that studied potential environmental effects associated with the extraction and transport of suitable fill material from the Cherry Hill Borrow Site on Elmendorf Air Force Base. The EA considered potential effects to the natural and human environment including: air quality; water quality; geology and soils; coastal resources; terrestrial resources; aquatic resources;