

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5511]

**Announcement of Meetings of the International Telecommunication Advisory Committee**

*Summary:* This notice announces meetings of the International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC).

The International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC) will meet to prepare advice on proposed U.S. contributions to Study Group 13 (Next Generation Networks) of the International Telecommunication Union's Telecommunication Standardization Sector on Wednesday September 20, 2006, 10:30 a.m.—4 p.m. Eastern Time at the offices of COMTek, 14151 Newbrook Drive, Suite 400, Chantilly, VA 20151.

The International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC) will meet to prepare advice on proposed U.S. contributions to Study Group 15 (Optical and other transport network infrastructures) of the International Telecommunication Union's Telecommunication Standardization Sector on Friday, October 13 starting 30 minutes after the closure of the closing plenaries of the ATIS OPTXS and NIPP technical subcommittees meeting at the Marriott Vancouver Pinnacle, 1128 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6E 4R5.

The International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC) will meet to prepare advice on proposed U.S. contributions to Study Group 16 (Multimedia terminals, systems and applications) of the International Telecommunication Union's Telecommunication Standardization Sector on Thursday October 26, 2006, 10:30 a.m.—4 p.m. Eastern Time at the offices of COMTek, 14151 Newbrook Drive, Suite 400, Chantilly, VA 20151.

These meetings are open to the public, and conference bridges may be available. Further information may be obtained from the secretariat [minardje@state.gov](mailto:minardje@state.gov), telephone 202-647-3234.

Dated: August 25, 2006.

**James G. Ennis,**

*Foreign Affairs Officer, International Communications & Information Policy, Multilateral Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5512]

**Advisory Committee on Transformational Diplomacy; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of State announces a meeting of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Transformational Diplomacy beginning on Wednesday September 6, 2006 and continuing on Thursday, September 7, 2006, at the U.S. Department of State at 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee is composed of a group of prominent Americans from the private sector and academia who provide the Department with advice on its worldwide management operations, including structuring, leading, and managing large global enterprises, communicating governmental missions and policies to relevant publics, and better use of information technology.

The Committee will meet in open session from 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. on September 6, 2006. The Committee also will meet in open session from 8:15 a.m. until 12 p.m. on September 7, 2006. The Committee will meet in closed session from 12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. It has been determined that this portion of the meeting will be closed to the public pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)[1] and 552b(c)[4] because it is likely to involve discussion of classified information and may involve discussion of confidential business information.

The agenda for the September 6 open session will include an overview briefing about the Department of State and its mission. The agenda for the September 7 open session will include briefings on Public/Private Partnership Models, Workforce and Training, the State Department in 2012, Congressional Interaction, the Embassy of the Future and discussion on establishing working groups for the Committee. The agenda for the September 7 closed session will include matters related to the transformational diplomacy initiative.

Entry to the building is controlled and will be facilitated by advance arrangements. Members of the public (including government employees and Department of State employees) desiring access to the open sessions should, no later than September 1, 2006, notify the Advisory Committee on Transformational Diplomacy (phone: 202-647-0093) of their name, date of birth; citizenship (country); ID number, *i.e.*, U.S. government ID (agency), U.S. military ID (branch), passport (country), or drivers license number (state);

professional affiliation, address, and telephone number.

Members of the public may file a written statement with the committee. All members of the public must use the "C" Street entrance, after going through the exterior screening facilities. One of the following valid IDs will be required for admittance: Any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. Government agency ID. Because an escort is required at all times, attendees should expect to remain in the meeting for the entire session.

The Department of State regrets the delay in publication of this Notice. Unforeseen events prevented its earlier publication and the meeting date was determined by the rigorous demands of the Secretary of State's travel, foreign policy and public affairs schedule.

For more information, contact Madelyn Marchessault, Designated Federal Official of the Advisory Committee on Transformational Diplomacy at 202-647-0093 or at [Marchessaultms@state.gov](mailto:Marchessaultms@state.gov).

Dated: August 25, 2006.

**Marguerite Coffey,**

*Acting Director, Office of Management Policy, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## Office of the Secretary

**Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed the Week Ending August 11, 2006**

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the Sections 412 and 414 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1382 and 1384) and procedures governing proceedings to enforce these provisions. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

*Docket Number:* OST-2006-25604.

*Date Filed:* August 10, 2006.

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association.

*Subject:* TC31 South Pacific—Mail Vote 497, Passenger Revalidating Resolutions, *Intended Effective Date:* 1 October 2006, (Memo 0188).

*Docket Number:* OST-2006-25613.

*Date Filed:* August 11, 2006.

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association.

*Subject:* PTC12 USA-EUR 0199 dated 11 August 2006, Resolution 015h—USA Add-ons between USA and UK, (Memo

0199), *Intended Effective Date*: 1 October 2006.

**Renee V. Wright,**

*Program Manager, Docket Operations, Federal Register Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (Formerly Subpart Q) During the Week Ending August 11, 2006**

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 301.201 *et seq.*). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

*Docket Number:* OST-2006-25577.

*Date Filed:* August 8, 2006.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* August 29, 2006.

*Description:* Application of Taga Air Charter Service, Inc. requesting authority to engage in scheduled passenger operations between the Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan, Tinian and Rota, eventually expanding to include service to Guam as a commuter air carrier.

*Docket Number:* OST-2006-25616.

*Date Filed:* August 11, 2006.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* September 1, 2006.

*Description:* Application of ELYSAIR SAS d/b/a ELYSAIR requesting a foreign air carrier permit to engage in (i) Scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between any point or points in France and points in the United States coextensive with the rights provided under the bilateral agreement, and (ii) charter foreign air transportation of persons, property and

mail pursuant to the U.S.-France Air Transport Agreement and Part 212.

**Renee V. Wright,**

*Program Manager, Docket Operations, Federal Register Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

#### **Advisory Board; Notice of Meeting**

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. I), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC), to be held from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2006, at the Corporation's Administration Headquarters, Room 5424, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, via conference call. The agenda for this meeting will be as follows: Opening Remarks; Consideration of Minutes of Past Meeting; Quarterly Report; Old and New Business; Closing Discussion; Adjournment.

Attendance at the meeting is open to the interested public but limited to the space available. With the approval of the Acting Administrator, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing further information should contact, not later than September 20, 2006, Anita K. Blackman, Chief of Staff, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; 202-366-0091.

Any member of the public may present a written statement to the Advisory Board at any time.

Issued at Washington, DC, on August 28, 2006.

**Craig H. Middlebrook,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

**[STB Finance Docket No. 34914]**

#### **DesertXpress Enterprises, LLC—Petition for Declaratory Order**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Institution of declaratory order proceeding; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In response to a petition filed by DesertXpress Enterprises, LLC (DesertXpress), the Board is instituting a declaratory order proceeding under 5 U.S.C. 554(e) and 49 U.S.C. 721 to determine whether the Board's jurisdiction preempts state and local environmental review, land use restrictions, and other discretionary permitting requirements that might otherwise apply to DesertXpress' proposed construction of an interstate high speed passenger rail system between Victorville, CA, and Las Vegas, NV. No responses to the petition have been filed. The Board seeks public comment on this issue.

**DATES:** Comments are due October 16, 2006. Replies are due November 6, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Send an original and 10 copies of any comments, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34914, to: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to DesertXpress' representative, Linda Morgan, Covington & Burling LLP, 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004-2401.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 565-1609. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: 1-800-877-8339].

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DesertXpress' petition for declaratory order concerns its proposed project to construct an approximately 200-mile interstate high speed passenger rail system between Victorville and Las Vegas. Petitioner states that the project will involve the construction of significant lengths of new track and ancillary facilities, including two passenger stations and a 50-acre train maintenance and storage facility and operations center. DesertXpress states that the proposed route is planned alongside or within the median of Interstate 15 and will provide an alternative to automobile travel on that interstate. Petitioner anticipates that the project will utilize European high-speed trains which, traveling at speeds up to 125 miles per hour, will travel between the two termini in under 105 minutes.

According to petitioner, it has already initiated the Federal environmental review process, met with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) about the project, coordinated with the Board and FRA in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with FRA and the Board.