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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.

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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.