

3. Participants will not act as a broker for DoD cargo unless requested by USTRANSCOM.

**VII. Application and Agreement**

The Administrator, in coordination with the Commander has adopted the following form ("Application to Participate in the Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement") on which intermodal ship operators may apply to become a Participant in this Agreement. The form incorporates, by reference, the terms of this Agreement.

**United States of America, Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration**

*Application To Participate in the Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement*

The applicant identified below hereby applies to participate in the Maritime Administration's agreement entitled "Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement." The text of said Agreement is published in \_\_\_\_\_ **Federal Register** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. This Agreement is authorized under section 708 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 App. U.S.C. 2158). Regulations governing this Agreement appear at 44 CFR part 332 and are reflected at 49 CFR subtitle A.

The applicant, if selected, hereby acknowledges and agrees to the incorporation by reference into this Application and Agreement of the entire text of the Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement published in \_\_\_\_\_ **Federal Register** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, as though said text were physically recited herein.

The Applicant, as a Participant, agrees to comply with the provisions of section 708 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, the regulations of 44 CFR part 332 and as reflected at 49 CFR subtitle A, and the terms of the Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement. Further, the applicant, if selected as a Participant, hereby agrees to contractually commit to make specifically enrolled vessels or capacity, intermodal equipment and management of intermodal transportation systems available for use by the Department of Defense and to other Participants as discussed in this Agreement and the subsequent Department of Defense Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement Enrollment Contract for the purpose of meeting national defense requirement.

Attest:

(Corporate Secretary)  
(CORPORATE SEAL)

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Secretary)  
(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant-Corporate Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Position Title)  
United States of America, Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maritime Administrator

Dated: November 1, 2007.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Christine S. Gurland,**  
*Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

**International Standards on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; Public Notice**

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to advise interested persons that PHMSA will conduct a public meeting in preparation for the 32nd session of the United Nation's Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE) to be held December 3-7, 2007 in Geneva, Switzerland. In addition, input will be solicited on a five year agenda prioritizing PHMSA's international work.

**DATES:** Tuesday, November 27, 2007; 9:30 am-1:30 pm.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the new DOT Headquarters, West Building, Oklahoma City Conference Room, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Duane Pfund, Director, Office of International Standards, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366-0656.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of this meeting will be to prepare for the 32nd session of the UNSCOE and to discuss draft U.S. positions on UNSCOE proposals. The 32nd session of the UNSCOE is the second meeting in the current biennium cycle. The UNSCOE will consider

proposals for the 16th Revised Edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods Model Regulations which will come into force in the international regulations from January 1, 2011. Topics to be covered during the public meetings include:

Transport of limited quantities and consumer commodities, classification of corrosive substances, provisions for training of personnel, use of electronic documentation, subsidiary labeling for toxic by inhalation liquids, requirements for cryogenic receptacles, provisions for impact testing of portable tanks, requirements for lithium batteries, fumigated units and dry ice, harmonization with the IAEA Regulations for the safe transport of radioactive materials, guiding principles for the development of the Model Regulations, and various miscellaneous proposals related to listing, classification, and hazard communication.

In addition to the discussion on proposals to be submitted to the UNSCOE, time will be provided to discuss two issues of importance to our stakeholders: (1) Transport of limited quantities and consumer commodities, and (2) docket HM-215F. The discussion on limited quantities will be for the purpose of summarizing progress made during the first year of the biennium and identifying a way forward for further work during the second year. The discussion on HM-215F will include a review of the recently issued corrections document under the same docket, and will provide time for any additional comments regarding the conditions and limitations for the use of international regulations.

Finally, PHMSA is soliciting comments on how to further enhance harmonization for international transport of hazardous materials. PHMSA is developing a five year plan to address international harmonization and welcomes input on items which stakeholders believe should be included in this plan.

The public is invited to attend without prior notification. Due to the heightened security measures participants are encouraged to arrive early to allow time for security checks necessary to obtain access to the building. In lieu of conducting a public meeting after the 32nd session of the UNSCOE to present the results of the session, PHMSA will place a copy of the Sub-Committee's report and an updated copy of the pre-meeting summary document on PHMSA's Hazardous Materials Safety Homepage at <http://>

[hazmat.dot.gov/regs/intl/intstandards.htm](http://hazmat.dot.gov/regs/intl/intstandards.htm).

#### Documents

Copies of documents for the UNSCOE meeting and the meeting agenda may be obtained by downloading them from the United Nations Transport Division's Web site at: <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc/c32007.html>. This site may also be accessed through PHMSA's Hazardous Materials Safety Web site at: <http://hazmat.dot.gov/regs/intl/intstandards.htm>. PHMSA's site provides additional information regarding the UNSCOE and related matters such as a summary of decisions taken at previous sessions of the UNSCOE.

**Robert A. Richard,**

Deputy Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 297X)]

#### Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Chester County, PA

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* to discontinue service over a 7.70 mile line of railroad between milepost PX 3.10 and milepost PX 10.80 in Phoenixville, Chester County, PA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 19453 and 19460, and includes the stations of Phoenixville, Pickering, and Devault.

NSR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) that all overhead traffic, if any, has been rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided

in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance of service shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on December 7, 2007, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA for continued rail service under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>1</sup> must be filed by November 19, 2007.<sup>2</sup> Petitions to reopen must be filed by November 27, 2007, with: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to NSR's representative: James R. Paschall, Senior General Attorney, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at: <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: October 30, 2007.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

Secretary.

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<sup>1</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,300. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

<sup>2</sup> Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Likewise, no environmental or historical documentation is required here under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and 1105.8(b), respectively.

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Veterans' Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation will be held on November 27-28, 2007 in Room 819 at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The sessions will begin at 8 a.m. and will end at 4:30 p.m. each day. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the rehabilitation needs of veterans with disabilities and on the administration of VA's rehabilitation programs.

During the meeting, there will be briefings on various VA rehabilitation-related initiatives. The Committee will discuss VA's polytrauma centers and how their programs address rehabilitation needs of veterans with disabilities.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for oral presentations from the public. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting is requested to contact Mr. Joseph Tucker, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 461-9637. The Committee will accept written comments. Comments should be addressed to Mr. Tucker at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration (28), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. In communication with the Committee, writers must identify themselves and state the organizations, associations, or person(s) they represent.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Dated: October 31, 2007.

**E. Philip Riggan,**

Committee Management Officer.

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