

sources desiring to use newly designed replaceable light sources in headlamps are required to submit manufacturing specifications (dimensional, electrical specification, and marking/designation information) to the agency. After a short agency review to assure completeness, the information is placed in the Part 564—Replacable Light Source Information Docket. The Part 564 Docket is a public docket available for use by any manufacturer who desires to manufacture headlamp light sources for highway motor vehicles. In Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 108; Lamps, reflective devices and associated equipment, Part 564 submissions are referenced as being the source of information regarding the performance and interchangeability information for legal headlamp light sources, whether original equipment or replacement equipment. Thus, the submitted information about headlamp light sources becomes the basis for certification of compliance with FMVSS No. 108.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 28.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725–17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer. Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collected; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued: March 26, 2008.

**Stephen R. Kratzke,**

*Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB–325 (Sub–No. 4X)]

#### Florida Midland Railroad Company, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Sumter County, FL

Florida Midland Railroad Company, Inc. (FMID),<sup>1</sup> has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 4.0-mile line of railroad between milepost ST–762.10 in Wildwood and milepost ST–766.10 (the end of the track) near Orange Home, known as the Wildwood Branch, in Sumter County, FL.<sup>2</sup> The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 34785.

FMID has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line to be rerouted; (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 Surface Transportation Board (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 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment 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 May 1, 2008, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do

not involve environmental issues,<sup>3</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>4</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by April 11, 2008.<sup>5</sup> Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by April 21, 2008,<sup>6</sup> with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to FMID's representative: Michael J. Barron, Jr., Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606–2832.

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

FMID has filed a combined environmental and historic report addressing the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by April 4, 2008. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423–0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 245–0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.] Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), FMID shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If

<sup>3</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>4</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>5</sup> FMID notes in its verified notice of exemption that it is committed to consummating the abandonment as part of a settlement agreement with adjoining land owners.

<sup>6</sup> FMID states that it does not own the realty underlying the Wildwood Branch and that it believes that the public use condition would be unavailable based on Board precedent, citing *Florida Central Railroad Company, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Seminole County, FL*, Docket No. AB–319X (ICC served Dec. 20, 1989).

<sup>1</sup> FMID is a wholly owned subsidiary of Pinsky Railroad Company, a noncarrier holding company.

<sup>2</sup> In STB Docket No. AB–325 (Sub–No. 2X), *Florida Midland Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Sumter and Lake Counties, FL*, FMID had filed a petition for exemption for abandonment of a line of railroad that included the Wildwood Branch. In a decision served on February 23, 2001, the Board granted the exemption, but FMID chose not to consummate the abandonment, and the authorization expired.

consummation has not been effected by FMID's filing of a notice of consummation by April 1, 2009, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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

Decided: March 24, 2008.

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

**Anne K. Quinlan,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34992]

#### Itasca County Regional Rail Authority—Petition for Exemption—Construction of a Line of Railroad in Itasca County, MN

*Lead Agency:* Surface Transportation Board.

*Cooperating Agency:* U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Request for Public Review and Comment.

**SUMMARY:** On March 9, 2007, the Itasca County Regional Rail Authority (ICRRA) filed a petition with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) seeking authority to construct and operate a new rail line in Itasca County, Minnesota. The Board, through its Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) and in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), is the lead agency responsible for the preparation of the Environmental Assessment (EA).

The proposed line would extend approximately nine miles, starting at the connection with an existing rail line at Taconite and continuing to the site of a new steel mill to be built by Minnesota Steel Industries, LLC (Minnesota Steel) at the end of the line at Nashwauk, Minnesota. Principal commodities to be handled include miscellaneous chemicals, outbound steel slabs, and taconite pellets. The proposed rail line would initially serve the Minnesota Steel facility, but would also handle any additional traffic that future customers that may locate along the right-of-way generate. The proposed rail line would accommodate one round trip per day, seven days per week.

Based on the information provided from all sources to date and its

independent analysis, SEA preliminarily concludes that construction and operation of the proposed rail line would not have significant environmental impacts if the Board imposes and ICRRA implements the recommended mitigation measures set forth in the EA.

Copies of the EA have been served on all interested parties and will be made available to additional parties upon request. The entire EA is also available for review on the Board's Web site (<http://www.stb.dot.gov>) by clicking on the "Decisions and Notices" link, then "E-LIBRARY" and searching by the Service Date (March 28, 2008) or Docket Number (FD 34992). SEA, working with USACE, will consider all comments received in making its final recommendations to the Board. The Board will then consider SEA's final recommendations and the complete environmental record in making its final decision in this proceeding.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth Blodgett, SEA Project Manager, at (202) 245-0305; e-mail: [blodgettk@stb.dot.gov](mailto:blodgettk@stb.dot.gov). Federal Information Relay Service for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.

**DATES:** The EA is available for public review and comment. All faxed and electronic comments must be submitted by May 2, 2008; comments sent by mail must be post-marked by May 2, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to: Kenneth Blodgett, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423, Attn: Docket No. FD 34992.

Please reference STB Docket No. 34992 in all correspondence.

Comments on the EA may also be filed electronically on the Board's Web site, <http://www.stb.dot.gov>, by clicking on the "E-FILING" link.

By the Board, Victoria Rutson, Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis.

**Anne K. Quinlan,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC); Nominations

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service, Department of The Treasury.

**ACTION:** Request for Nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requests nominations of

individuals to be considered for selection as Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC) members. Individuals may nominate themselves or be nominated by interested organizations. Nominations will be accepted for current vacancies and should describe and document the applicants' qualifications for membership. IRPAC can be comprised of no more than thirty-five (35) members. There are six (6) positions open for calendar year 2009. It is important that IRPAC continue to represent a diverse taxpayer and stakeholder base. Accordingly, to maintain membership diversity, selection is based on applicant's qualifications in addition to consideration of the segment or group he/she represents.

The IRPAC advises the IRS on information reporting issues of mutual concern to the private sector and the federal government. The committee works with the Commissioner and other IRS leadership to provide recommendations on a wide range of information reporting administration issues. Membership is balanced to include representation from the tax professional community, businesses, banking, insurance, state tax administration, colleges and universities, securities, payroll, foreign financial institutions and other industries.

**DATES:** Written nominations must be received on or before May 30, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to Ms. Caryl Grant, National Public Liaison, CL:NPL:SRM, Room 7559 IR, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, Attn: IRPAC Nominations. Applications may be submitted by mail to the address above or faxed to 202-622-8345. Application packages are available on the Tax Professional's Page, which is located on the IRS Internet Web site at <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/index.html>. Application packages may also be requested by telephone from National Public Liaison, 202-927-3641 (not a toll-free number).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Caryl Grant, at 202-927-3641 (not a toll-free number) or [\\*Public\\_Liaison@irs.gov](mailto:Public_Liaison@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** IRPAC was established in 1991 in response to an administrative recommendation in the final Conference Report of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989. Since its inception, IRPAC has worked closely with the IRS to provide recommendations on a wide range of