

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.

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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