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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

International Standards on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested persons that PHMSA will conduct a public meeting in preparation for the 34th session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE TDG) to be held November 30–December 9, 2008 in Geneva, Switzerland. During this meeting, PHMSA is also soliciting comments relative to potential new work items which may be considered for inclusion in its international agenda, and comments relative to a potential future rulemaking action regarding the use and applicability of international standards.

This notice also provides information relative to a separate public meeting in preparation for the 16th Session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (UNSCOE GHS) to be held December 10–12, 2008.

Information Regarding the UNSCOE TDG Meeting:

DATES: Wednesday, November 17, 2008; 8 a.m.–11 a.m.

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

Conference call capability/live meeting information: Conference call-in and “live meeting” capability will be provided for this meeting. To participate by telephone, dial 1 (888) 324-9365 and enter participant passcode 61017. During the call, please press *6 to mute/unmute your individual line. This will ensure participants are not subjected to any background noise from individual lines. In addition, “live meeting” provides a way to view information presented during the meeting via the Internet. To access “live meeting” please follow the instructions posted on our Web site at: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/regs/international>.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Duane Pfund, Director, Office of International Standards or Mr. Shane Kelley, International Transportation Specialist, 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 34th session of the UNSCOE TDG and to discuss draft U.S. positions on UNSCOE proposals. The 34th session of the UNSCOE TDG is the final 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, use of electronic documentation, requirements for toxic by inhalation liquids, requirements for cryogenic receptacles, 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 proposals related to listing, classification, packaging, and hazard communication.

In addition, PHMSA is soliciting comments on how to further enhance harmonization for international transport of hazardous materials. PHMSA is finalizing an international strategic plan to address harmonization and welcomes input on items which stakeholders believe should be included in this plan.

Finally, PHMSA is soliciting comments regarding a potential future rulemaking action regarding the use of international regulations, in particular the International Civil Aviation Organization’s Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (ICAO TI) and the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code). PHMSA is considering proposing to mandate the use of these regulations for the international transportation (see 49 CFR 171.8) of hazardous materials by aircraft or vessel. PHMSA requests comments regarding this prospective proposal. PHMSA is interested in comments including, but not limited to, comments related to the safety and economic

implications of mandating the use of these regulations for international shipments, as well as implications to training of personnel.

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. Following the 34th session of the UNSCOE TDG 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>.

Documents

Copies of documents for the UNSCOE TDG 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/c32008.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 LTNSCOE TDG and related matters such as a summary of decisions taken at previous sessions of the UNSCOE TDG.

Information regarding the UNSCOE GHS meeting:

DATES: Thursday, November 18, 2008; 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The UNSCOE GHS meeting will take place at the Environmental Protection Agency Potomac Yard One facility, Bellavista Conference Room (11100, 11th Floor), 2777 S. Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. To facilitate entry, please have a picture ID available and/or a U.S. Government building pass if applicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristen Hendricks, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs (703) 308-0308, hendricks.kristen@epa.gov or Dorothy Semazzi, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs (703) 347-8540, semazzi.dorothy@epa.gov.

Conference Call Information: To participate in the meeting by conference call, dial 1 (866) 299-3188, and enter participant passcode 7033080308.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Environmental Protection Agency is hosting this open informal meeting of the Interagency GHS Coordinating Group to provide interested groups and

individuals with an update on GHS-related issues and an opportunity to present their views orally and in writing for consideration in developing draft U.S. positions for the upcoming UNSCOE GHS meeting. The Agenda will include:

1. Introductions.
2. Key issues/documents to be considered in December UNSCOE GHS.
3. Proposals for next biennium program of work.
4. Public comments.

Documents

Copies of documents for the December UNSCOE GHS meeting, the meeting agenda, and reports and documents from previous sessions may be downloaded from the UN Web site at: <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc4/c4age.html>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35132]

Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority—Acquisition Exemption—in Monroe and Northampton Counties, PA

Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority (PNRRA), a political subdivision and non-operating Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire an ownership interest in 10.6 miles of rail line from Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR). The line extends between milepost 2.0 (approximately old milepost 74) at Slate and milepost 12.2 (approximately old milepost 84.6),¹ in Monroe and Northampton Counties, PA.² The transaction is subject to retention of overhead trackage rights by NSR.

PNRRA certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier and further certifies that its projected annual revenues will not exceed \$5 million.

¹ Although the route miles to be acquired would appear to be 10.2 miles based on current mileposts, PNRRA states that investigation has confirmed that the actual mileage to be acquired is 10.6 miles, consistent with the old milepost designations.

² PNRRA owns approximately 82 miles of rail line in Lackawanna, Monroe, and Wayne Counties, PA. The lines are operated by Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad Co. pursuant to a contract with PNRRA.

The transaction is expected to be consummated in phases on or after November 3, 2008.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than October 24, 2008 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law 110-161, § 193, 121 Stat. 1844 (2007), nothing in this decision authorizes the following activities at any solid waste rail transfer facility: collecting, storing or transferring solid waste outside of its original shipping container; or separating or processing solid waste (including baling, crushing, compacting and shredding). The term “solid waste” is defined in section 1004 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. 6903.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35132, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Keith G. O'Brien, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Ste. 300, Washington, DC 20037.

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

Decided: October 8, 2008.

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

Anne K. Quinlan,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 9, 2008.

The Department of Treasury will submit the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the

Treasury, Room 11000, and 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 17, 2008, to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-XXXX.

Type of Review: New Collection Request.

Title: Rev Proc 2008-XX Exempt Organizations Voluntary Compliance Program (EOVCP).

Description: This information collection is needed to offer a voluntary compliance program of limited time to non-filers of Form 990 Series. The objective is to enhance voluntary compliance with respect to reporting and filing obligations under sections 26 U.S.C. 6033 and 6011 for entities exempt under 26 U.S.C. 501(a). The data collected will be used by the Tax Exempt and Government Entities division of the Internal Revenue Service to help certain exempt organizations meet their reporting and filing obligations.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 30,000 hours.

Clearance Officer: Glenn P. Kirkland, (202) 622-3428, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Kimberly Nelson, (202) 395-3787, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Robert Dahl,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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