

Railway Company (CN) and Grand Trunk Corporation (collectively, CN or the Applicants) filed an application with the Board, seeking the Board's approval to acquire control of EJ&E West (EJ&EW) Company, a wholly owned noncarrier subsidiary of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E). EJ&E is a Class II railroad that currently operates approximately 200 miles of track in Northeastern Illinois and Northwestern Indiana.

On November 26, 2007, the Board issued Decision No. 2 announcing that SEA will prepare an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts that may result from the proposed acquisition. The Draft EIS was served on July 25, 2008, and public comments on the Draft EIS were due by September 30, 2008. SEA is currently preparing the Final EIS in response to comments on the Draft EIS.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Dated: November 7, 2008.

Kulunie L. Cannon,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 680]

Study of Competition in the Freight Railroad Industry

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board seeks written public comments on the independent study prepared by Christensen Associates, Inc., entitled, *A Study of Competition in the U.S. Freight Railroad Industry and Analysis of Proposals That Might Enhance Competition*.

DATES: Comments are due on or before December 22, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The Study may be accessed via the Board's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. Comments may be submitted either via the Board's e-filing format or in traditional paper format. Any person using e-filing should attach a document and otherwise comply with the instructions at the E-FILING link on the Board's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. Any person submitting a filing in the traditional paper format should send an original and 10 copies referring to STB Ex Parte No. 680 to:

Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy Strafford, (202) 245-0356. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: (800) 877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In September 2007, the Board awarded a contract to Christensen Associates to conduct an independent study that provides a comprehensive analysis of a wide range of issues including competition, capacity, and the interplay between the two. The report also includes an examination of various regulatory policy alternatives that could lead to changes in the Board's regulatory approach if necessary.

On November 6, 2008, the Board held a public meeting with Christensen Associates to discuss the study. The Board has made the report available to the public via its Web site and now seeks public comments from all interested persons.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Decided: November 6, 2008.

By the Board, Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary.

Jeff Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Open Meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Ten-Year Framework for Energy and Environment Cooperation With China

AGENCY: Office of the Special Envoy to China and the SED, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Treasury's Advisory Committee on the Ten-Year Framework for Energy and Environment Cooperation with China will convene its first meeting on Monday, December 1, 2008, in the Cash Room of the main Department Building, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, beginning at 10 a.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 10 a.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The Advisory Committee will convene its first meeting in the Cash Room of the Main Department Building, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The public is invited to submit written statements with the Advisory Committee by any of the following methods:

Electronic Statements

- Please use the following e-mail address to submit electronic copies of your written statements: SED.TYF@do.treas.gov.

Paper Statements

- Send paper statements in triplicate to Advisory Committee on the Ten-Year Framework for Energy and Environment Cooperation with China, Office of the Special Envoy to China and the SED, Room 1308, Department of Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

In general, the Department will also make such statements available for public inspection and copying in the Department's Library, Room 1428, Main Department Building, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Time. You can make an appointment to inspect statements by telephoning (202) 622-0990. All statements, including attachments and other supporting materials, received are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. You should submit only information you wish to make available publicly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katherine Casey Delhotal, Environmental and Economic Policy Advisor to the SED, Department of Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220, at (202) 622-6780.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. II, section 10(a), and the regulations thereunder, Katherine Casey Delhotal, Designated Federal Officer of the Advisory Committee, has ordered publication of this notice that the Advisory Committee will convene its first meeting on Monday, December 1, 2008, in the Cash Room in the Main Department Building, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220 beginning at 10 a.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be open to the public. Because the meeting will be held in a secured facility, members of the public who plan to attend the meeting must contact the Office of the Special Envoy to China and