

available via the Internet at <http://www.flyfaa.gov/ecvrs>.

4. Three (3) reservations are available per hour for unscheduled operations at LaGuardia. The ARO will assign reservations on a 30-minute basis.

5. The ARO receives and processes all reservation requests. Reservations are assigned on a "first-come, first-served" basis, determined as of the time that the ARO receives the request. A cancellation of any reservation that will not be used as assigned would be required.

6. Filing a request for a reservation does not constitute the filing of an instrument flight rules (IFR) flight plan, as separately required by regulation. After the reservation is obtained, an IFR flight plan can be filed. The IFR flight plan must include the reservation number in the "remarks" section.

7. Air Traffic Control will accommodate declared emergencies without regard to reservations. Nonemergency flights in direct support of national security, law enforcement, military aircraft operations, or public use aircraft operations will be accommodated above the reservation limits with the prior approval of the Vice President, System Operations Services, Air Traffic Organization. Procedures for obtaining the appropriate reservation for such flights are available via the Internet at <http://www.fly.faa.gov/ecvrs>.

8. Notwithstanding the limits in paragraph 4, if the Air Traffic Organization determines that air traffic control, weather, and capacity conditions are favorable and significant delay is not likely, the FAA can accommodate additional reservations over a specific period. Unused operating authorizations can also be temporarily made available for unscheduled operations. Reservations for additional operations are obtained through the ARO.

9. Reservations cannot be bought, sold, or leased.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Rule on Request To Release Airport Property at Monroe Regional Airport, Monroe, LA

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for Public Comment.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the release of land at Monroe Regional Airport under the provisions of Title 49, U.S.C. Section 47153(c).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 9, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Mr. Lacey D. Spriggs, Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, LA/NM Airports Development Office, ASW-640, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0640.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mayor James F. Mayo at the following address: Office of the Mayor, P.O. Box 123, Monroe, LA 71210.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lacey D. Spriggs, Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, LA/NM Airports Development Office, ASW-640, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0640.

The request to release property may be reviewed in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA invites public comment on the request to release property at the Monroe Regional Airport.

On December 22, 2008, the FAA determined that the request to release property at Monroe Regional Airport submitted by the City of Monroe met the procedural requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 155. The FAA may approve the request, in whole or in part, no later than February 2, 2009.

The following is a brief overview of the request:

The City of Monroe, Louisiana requests the release of 5.00 acres of airport property. The release of property will allow for construction of a new facility for office space and warehouse for Stephan Manufacturing, LLC to proceed. The sale is estimated to provide \$106,563.00 whereas the proceeds will be used to continue the Bermuda Release Program and used to upgrade and expand the security camera

system at the Passenger Terminal Building.

Any person may inspect the request in person at the FAP office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Monroe Regional Airport, Monroe, Louisiana.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-1026X]

#### Bellingham International Railroad, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Whatcom County, WA

Bellingham International Railroad, LLC (BIR), has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 2-mile line of railroad between milepost 2.98 and milepost 4.98 in Bellingham, Whatcom County, WA.<sup>1</sup> The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 98225 and includes no stations.

BIR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) no overhead traffic has been handled on the line for at least 2 years;<sup>2</sup> (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.

<sup>1</sup> In 1998, BIR acquired the exclusive rail service easement over the line and all track, track materials, and related structures. See *Bellingham International Railroad LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 33635 (STB served Aug. 4, 1998).

<sup>2</sup> According to BIR, the line is stub-ended and not capable of handling overhead traffic.