

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Delegation of Authority No. 326]****Delegation by the Secretary of State as Chairperson of the Board of the Millennium Challenge Corporation to the Vice President for Compact Implementation**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation by Section 18 of Article I of the Bylaws and other relevant provisions of the bylaws and law, including Section 614(d) of the Millennium Challenge Act, 2003, and Section 1(a)(4) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, I hereby delegate to Darius Mans, Vice President for Compact Implementation, to the extent authorized by law, the functions, duties and powers of the chief executive officer, to be exercised subject to my direction.

Any authorities covered by this delegation may also be exercised by me and may be redelegated to the extent authorized by law.

This delegation shall enter into effect on July 31, 2009 and shall expire upon the appointment and entry upon duty of a new Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 604(b) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003.

This delegation of authority shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 15, 2009/

Hillary Rodham Clinton,

Secretary of State, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board****[STB Docket No. AB-570 (Sub-No. 3X)]****Palouse River & Coulee City Railroad, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Latah County, ID**

Palouse River & Coulee City Railroad, Inc. (PRCC) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon 2.98 miles of rail line consisting of the following three segments between: (1) Milepost 84.0, at the Washington-Idaho State line, and milepost 85.91, in Moscow, ID; (2) milepost 86.11 and milepost 86.9, in Moscow; and (3) milepost 85.5 and the end of the line at the intersection of A Street and Almon Street, in Moscow,

Latah County, ID.¹ The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 83843.

PRCC has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines; (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 September 10, 2009, unless stayed pending reconsideration.² Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,³ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),⁴ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by August 21, 2009. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use

conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by August 31, 2009, 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 PRCC's representative: Karl Morell, Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

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

PRCC has filed environmental and historic reports that address the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by August 14, 2009. 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), PRCC shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by PRCC's filing of a notice of consummation by August 11, 2010, 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: August 6, 2009.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Kulunie L. Cannon,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Transit Administration****[FTA Docket No. FTA 2009-0040]****Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

¹ PRCC's segment located between milepost 85.91 and milepost 86.11 was authorized for abandonment in *Palouse River & Coulee City Railroad, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Latah County, ID* (STB served August 17, 2007).

² Pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(2), the railroad must file a verified notice with the Board at least 50 days before the abandonment or discontinuance is to be consummated. PRCC has indicated a proposed consummation date of September 9, 2009, but, because the verified notice was filed on July 22, 2009, consummation may not take place prior to September 10, 2009.

³ 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.

⁴ Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,500. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).