

Laurel, Montana, on July 1, 2011, resulting in the release of crude oil into the Yellowstone River.

Severe flooding and other conditions that can adversely affect the safe operation of a pipeline may also trigger the reporting requirements in Part 191 and Part 195 or applicable state reporting requirements. PHMSA requires operators to submit telephonic and written reports when natural gas or hazardous liquid releases occur that exceed certain threshold requirements. PHMSA also requires operators to submit reports of safety-related conditions involving potentially unsafe conditions on natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines (§§ 191.23 and 195.55).

*Advisory Bulletin (ADB-11-04)*

*To:* Owners and operators of gas and hazardous liquid pipeline systems.

*Subject:* Potential for damage to pipeline facilities caused by severe flooding.

*Advisory:* Severe flooding can adversely affect the safe operation of a pipeline. Operators need to direct their resources in a manner that will enable them to determine the potential effects of flooding on their pipeline systems. Operators are urged to take the following actions to prevent and mitigate damage to pipeline facilities and ensure public and environmental safety in areas affected by flooding:

1. Evaluate the accessibility of pipeline facilities that may be in jeopardy, such as valve settings, which are needed to isolate water crossings or other sections of a pipeline.
2. Extend regulator vents and relief stacks above the level of anticipated flooding, as appropriate.
3. Coordinate with emergency and spill responders on pipeline location and condition. Provide maps and other relevant information to such responders.
4. Coordinate with other pipeline operators in the flood area and establish emergency response centers to act as a liaison for pipeline problems and solutions.
5. Deploy personnel so that they will be in position to take emergency actions, such as shut down, isolation, or containment.

6. Determine if facilities that are normally above ground (e.g., valves, regulators, relief sets, etc.) have become submerged and are in danger of being struck by vessels or debris; if possible, such facilities should be marked with an appropriate buoy with Coast Guard approval.

7. Perform frequent patrols, including appropriate overflights, to evaluate right-of-way conditions at water crossings during flooding and after

waters subside. Determine if flooding has exposed or undermined pipelines as a result of new river channels cut by the flooding or by erosion or scouring.

8. Perform surveys to determine the depth of cover over pipelines and the condition of any exposed pipelines, such as those crossing scour holes. Where appropriate, surveys of underwater pipe should include the use of visual inspection by divers or instrumented detection. Information gathered by these surveys should be shared with affected landowners. Agricultural agencies may help to inform farmers of the potential hazard from reduced cover over pipelines.

9. Ensure that line markers are still in place or replaced in a timely manner. Notify contractors, highway departments, and others involved in post-flood restoration activities of the presence of pipelines and the risks posed by reduced cover.

If a pipeline has suffered damage, is shut-in, or is being operated at a reduced pressure as a precautionary measure as a result of flooding, the operator should advise the appropriate PHMSA Regional Office or State pipeline safety authority before returning the line to service, increasing its operating pressure, or otherwise changing its operating status. PHMSA or the State will review all available information and advise the operator, on a case-by-case basis, whether and to what extent a line can safely be returned to full service.

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**Jeffrey D. Wiese,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Surface Transportation Board**

[Docket No. AB 1071]

**Stewartstown Railroad Company;  
Adverse Abandonment; In York  
County, PA**

On July 7, 2011, the Estate of George M. Hart (Estate), filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 10903, requesting that the Surface Transportation Board (Board) authorize the third-party or adverse abandonment of an approximately 7.4-mile line of railroad (Line) in York County, Pa., extending from milepost 0.0 at New Freedom, Pa., to milepost 7.4 at Stewartstown, Pa. The Line is owned by the Stewartstown Railroad Company (SRC), and traverses

United States Postal Service Zip Codes 17349, 17361, and 17363. There are 2 rail stations on the Line. The application is available on the Board's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>, or a copy can be secured from applicant's counsel, whose name and address appear below.

The Estate asserts that it seeks abandonment so that it may facilitate the sale of the Line through the Board's Offers of Financial Assistance (OFA) procedures, or, barring that, foreclose upon SRC's assets to satisfy SRC's debt obligations, subject to any appropriate processes of state law. To support its abandonment application, the Estate asserts that the Line is dilapidated, cannot safely handle train operations in its current state, and continues to deteriorate due to a lack of funds needed for rail line maintenance. Further, the Estate maintains that there have been no freight operations over the Line for nearly 20 years, that there is no foreseeable need for rail service, and that there are no "significant users" of the Line as defined in 49 CFR 1152.2(l).

In a decision served in this proceeding on March 10, 2011 (March decision), the Estate was granted exemptions from several statutory provisions as well as waivers of certain Board regulations at 49 CFR part 1152 that were not relevant to its adverse abandonment application or that sought information not available to it. Specifically, the Estate was granted waivers of and exemptions from the notice requirements at 49 CFR 1152.20(a)(3), 49 U.S.C. 10903(a)(3)(B), 49 CFR 1152.20(a)(2)(i), 49 U.S.C. 10903(a)(3)(D) (except that the Estate must mail a copy of its notice of intent to former shippers of the Line), 49 CFR 1152.20(a)(2)(xii), and 49 CFR 1152.21; waivers of and exemptions from the application requirements of 49 CFR 1152.10-14, 49 CFR 1152.22(a)(5), 49 U.S.C. 10903(c), 49 CFR 1152.22(c), 49 CFR 1152.22(d), 49 CFR 1152.24(e)(1), and 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2); partial waiver of and exemption from the offer of financial assistance (OFA) procedures at 49 CFR 1152.27 and 49 U.S.C. 10904; and waiver of portions of the **Federal Register** notice language requirements at 49 CFR 1152.22(i).

According to the Estate, the Line does not contain Federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the Estate's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it. The Estate asserts that it filed its entire case for adverse abandonment with its application.

The interests of affected railroad employees, if there are any, will be protected by the conditions set forth in

*Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Any interested person may file written comments concerning the proposed abandonment or protests (including the protestant's entire opposition case), by August 22, 2011. Persons who may oppose the proposed adverse abandonment but who do not wish to participate fully in the process by submitting verified statements of witnesses containing detailed evidence should file comments. Persons opposing the proposed adverse abandonment who wish to participate actively and fully in the process should file a protest, observing the filing, service, and content requirements in 49 CFR 1152.25. Any OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27 to acquire the lines for continued rail service must be filed by no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the application.<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Board's March decision, the Board will not consider OFAs to subsidize continued rail service. Because this is an adverse abandonment proceeding, public use requests are not appropriate and will not be entertained. The Estate's reply is due by September 6, 2011.

The Board has not yet had occasion to decide whether the issuance of a certificate of interim trail use in an adverse abandonment would be consistent with the grant of such an application. Accordingly, any request for a trail use condition under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) (49 CFR 1152.29) must be filed by August 22, 2011, and should address that issue. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$250 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to Docket No. AB 1071 and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; (2) Keith G. O'Brien (representing the Estate), Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Ste. 300, Washington, DC 20037; and (3) Alex E. Snyder (representing SRC), Barley Snyder LLC, 100 East Market Street, P.O. Box 15012, York, PA 17405-7012.

Filings may be submitted either via the Board's e-filing format or in the traditional paper format. Any person using e-filing should comply with the instructions found on the Board's <http://www.stb.dot.gov> Web site, at the "e-filing" link. Any person submitting a filing in the traditional paper format

should send the original and 10 copies of the filing to the Board with a certificate of service. Except as otherwise set forth in 49 CFR part 1152, every document filed with the Board must be served on all parties to this adverse abandonment proceeding. 49 CFR 1104.12(a).

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Any other persons who would like to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS) may contact OEA by phone at the number listed below. EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 33 days of the filing of the application. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service. The comments received will be addressed in the Board's decision. A supplemental EA or EIS may be issued where appropriate.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238 or refer to the full abandonment/discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR pt. 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to OEA at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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

Decided: July 22, 2011.

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

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

#### FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

#### FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCIES:** Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board); Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC); and Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Joint notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the OCC, the Board, the FDIC, and the OTS (the "agencies") may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. On June 17, 2011, OMB approved the agencies' emergency clearance requests to implement assessment-related reporting revisions to the Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income (Call Report) for banks, the Thrift Financial Report (TFR) for savings associations, the Report of Assets and Liabilities of U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FFIEC 002), and the Report of Assets and Liabilities of a Non-U.S. Branch that is Managed or Controlled by a U.S. Branch or Agency of a Foreign (Non-U.S.) Bank (FFIEC 002S), all of which currently are approved collections of information, effective as of the June 30, 2011, report date. Because the assessment-related reporting revisions will need to remain in effect beyond the limited approval period associated with an emergency clearance request, the agencies, under the auspices of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC), are requesting public comment on a proposal to extend, with revision, the collections of information identified above. At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to

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