

meeting Web site for information about the preliminary agenda and the webcast.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590 in the atrium of the west building (New Jersey Avenue entrance, across the street from the Navy Yard Metro station). Attendees should arrive early to allow for time to go through security.

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at Courtyard by Marriott Capitol Hill/Naval Yard, (866) 329-0003. Hotel reservations must be made on or before November 17, 2011, to receive a rate of \$183 for the nights of December 8 and 9, 2011. Mention "Emergency Responder Forum Room Block" for the U.S. Department of Transportation when you make your reservation to receive this rate. Please call the hotel for more information on the Americans with Disabilities Act amenities at this location.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sam Hall at (804) 556-4678 or by email at sam.hall@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Registration: Members of the public may attend this free forum. To help ensure that adequate arrangements are made, all attendees and webcast viewers are encouraged to pre-register for the forum at <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=74>. Hotel reservations must be made by contacting the hotel directly.

Comments: Members of the public may also submit written comments, either before or after the workshop. Comments should reference Docket ID PHMSA-2011-0295. Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- *E-Gov Web Site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Management System, Room W12-140, on the ground floor of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Instructions:* Identify the Docket ID PHMSA-2011-0295 at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, submit two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments,

include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Note: Comments will be posted without changes or edits to <http://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below for additional information.

- *Privacy Act Statement:* Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received for any of our dockets. The Privacy Notice for comment submissions may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477) or you may visit <http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities: For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, please contact Sam Hall at (804) 556-4678 or sam.hall@dot.gov by December 2, 2011.

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Jeffrey D. Wiese,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2011-0246; Notice No. 11-11]

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 meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested persons that PHMSA will conduct a public meeting in preparation for the 40th session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE TDG) to be held November 28 to December 7, 2011, 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.

Information Regarding the UNSCOE TDG Meeting:

DATES: Thursday, November 17, 2011; 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the DOT Headquarters, West Building, Conference Rooms 8–10, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

Registration: Pre-registration for this meeting is not required. Participants are encouraged to arrive early to allow time for security checks necessary to obtain access to the building.

Conference Call Capability/Live Meeting Information: Conference call-in and "live meeting" capability will be provided for this meeting. Specific information on call-in and live meeting access will be posted when available at <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/regs/international>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Shane Kelley, Senior 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 40th session of the UNSCOE TDG. The 40th session of the UNSCOE TDG is the second of four meetings scheduled for the 2011–2012 biennium. The UNSCOE will consider proposals for the 18th Revised Edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods Model Regulations which will be implemented within relevant domestic, regional, and international regulations from January 1, 2015. Copies of proposals and the meeting agenda may be obtained from the United Nations Transport Division's Web site at: <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc/c32011.html>.

General topics on the agenda for the UNSCOE TDG meeting include:

- Listing, classification and packing
- Electric storage systems
- Miscellaneous proposals of amendments to the Model Regulations
- Electronic data interchange (EDI) for documentation purposes
- Cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- Global harmonization of transport of dangerous goods regulations
- Guiding principles for the Model Regulations
- Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS)

In addition, PHMSA is soliciting comments on how to further enhance harmonization for international transport of hazardous materials. PHMSA has finalized a broad international strategic plan and

welcomes input on items which stakeholders believe should be included as specific initiatives within this plan. PHMSA's Office of International Standards Strategic Plan can be accessed at: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/regs/international>.

Following the 40th session of the UNSCOE TDG, PHMSA will place a copy of the Sub-Committee's report and a summary of the results on PHMSA's Hazardous Materials Safety Web site at <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/regs/international>. PHMSA's site at <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/regs/international> provides additional information regarding the UNSCOE TDG and related matters such as summaries of decisions taken at previous sessions of the UNSCOE TDG.

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Magdy El-Sibaie,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 1089X]

Mississippi & Skuna Valley Railroad, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Yalobusha and Calhoun Counties, MS

On October 18, 2011, Mississippi & Skuna Valley Railroad, LLC (MSV) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon its entire 21-mile rail line extending between milepost 21.0 at Bruce Junction, and milepost 0.0 at Bruce, in Yalobusha and Calhoun Counties, Miss.¹ The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 38915 and 38922, and includes the stations of Bruce Junction (milepost 21.0) and Bruce (milepost 0.0).

MSV states that, based on information in its possession, the line does contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in MSV's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

Where, as here, the carrier is abandoning its entire line, the Board

¹ MSV acquired the line in November 2010. See *Miss. & Skuna Valley R.R. LLC—Acq. & Operation Exemp.—Miss. & Skuna Valley R.R.*, FD 35429 (STB served Nov. 5, 2010). MSV states that no traffic was moving over the line at the time it was acquired from the Mississippi & Skuna Valley Railroad Company (MSVR), and before that no traffic had moved over the line since April 17, 2008.

generally does not impose labor protection under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), unless the evidence indicates the existence of: (1) A corporate affiliate that will continue substantially similar rail operations; or (2) a corporate parent that will realize substantial financial benefits over and above relief from the burden of deficit operations by its subsidiary railroad. See *Honey Creek R.R.—Aban. Exemp.—in Henry Cnty., Ind.*, AB 865X (STB served Aug. 20, 2004); *Wellsville, Addison & Galetton R.R.—Aban. of Entire Line in Potter & Tioga Cntys., Pa.*, 354 I.C.C. 744 (1978); and *Northampton & Bath R.R.—Aban. near Northampton and Bath Junction, in Northampton Cnty., Pa.*, 354 I.C.C. 784 (1978). Therefore, if the Board grants the petition for exemption, in the absence of a showing of one or more of these exceptions, labor protective conditions will not be imposed. The Board will consider and address comments on the petition, including comments regarding labor protection, in its final decision on the merits.

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by February 3, 2012.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,500 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than November 28, 2011. 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 1089X, and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Melanie B. Yasbin, 600 Baltimore Ave., Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204. Replies to the petition are due on or before November 28, 2011.

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 or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to

the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-(800) 877-8339.

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by OEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact OEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA generally will be within 30 days of its service.

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

Decided: November 2, 2011.

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

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. EP 552 (Sub-No. 15)]

Railroad Revenue Adequacy—2010 Determination

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of decision.

SUMMARY: On November 3, 2011, the Board served a decision announcing the 2010 revenue adequacy determinations for the Nation's Class I railroads. One carrier, Union Pacific Railroad Company, was found to be revenue adequate.

DATES: Effective Date: This decision is effective on November 3, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Aguiar, (202) 245-0323. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board is required to make an annual determination of railroad revenue adequacy. A railroad is considered revenue adequate under 49 U.S.C. 10704(a) if it achieves a rate of return on net investment equal to at least the current cost of capital for the railroad industry for 2010, determined to be 11.03% in *Railroad Cost of Capital—*