

programming to user specifications, and administering the service, among other things, and may provide NASDAQ with a profit. NASDAQ also believes that the fees are equitably allocated, since use of the Data Package service is voluntary and the subscription fees will be imposed on all purchasers equally based on the number of users and the level of service subscribed.

#### *B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition*

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended.

#### *C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others*

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

### **III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action**

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>7</sup> and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>8</sup> At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

### **IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

#### *Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2011-173 on the subject line.

#### *Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2011-173. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used.

To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal offices of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2011-173, and should be submitted on or before January 30, 2012.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>9</sup>

**Kevin M. O'Neill,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Surface Transportation Board**

**[Docket No. AB 979 (Sub-No. 2X)]**

### **Connecticut Southern Railroad, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Hartford County, CT**

Connecticut Southern Railroad, Inc. (CSO) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152

subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon 2.4 miles of rail line extending between milepost 2.0 and milepost 4.4 on its Suffield Subdivision in Hartford County, Conn. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 06078 and 06080.

CSO has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic 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(c) (environmental 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 Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 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 February 8, 2012, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by January 19, 2012. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by January 30, 2012, 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 CSO's

<sup>1</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. 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.

<sup>2</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,500. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(a)(ii).

<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

representative: Melanie B. Yasbin, 600 Baltimore Ave., Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204.

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

CSO has filed a combined environmental and historic report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by January 13, 2012. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to OEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling OEA at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service 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), CSO 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 CSO's filing of a notice of consummation by January 9, 2013, 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>.

By the Board.

Decided: January 4, 2012.

**Raina S. White,**

*Director, Office of Proceedings.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Open Meeting of the President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness (PCJC)

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness will meet on January 17, 2012, at the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC, beginning at 2 p.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be open to the public via live webcast at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/live>.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on January 17, 2012 at 2 p.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The PCJC will convene its meeting at the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The public is invited to submit written statements to the PCJC by any of the following methods:

#### Electronic Statements

- Send written statements to the PCJC's electronic mailbox at [PCJC@treasury.gov](mailto:PCJC@treasury.gov); or

#### Paper Statements

- Send paper statements in triplicate to John Oxtoby, Designated Federal Officer, President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness, Office of the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, Room 1325A, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220.

In general, all statements will be posted on the White House Web site (<http://www.whitehouse.gov>) without change, including any business or personal information provided such as names, addresses, email addresses, or telephone numbers. The Department of the Treasury will also make such statements available for public inspection and copying in the Department of the Treasury's Library, Room 1428, Main Treasury 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 received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. You should submit only information that you wish to make publicly available.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Oxtoby, Designated Federal Officer, President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness, Office of the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury, Main Treasury Building, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220, at (202) 622-2000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with Section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. II, 10(a), and the regulations thereunder, John Oxtoby, Designated Federal Officer of the PCJC, has ordered publication of this notice that the PCJC will convene its next meeting on January 17, 2012 at the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC, beginning at 2 p.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be broadcast on the internet via live webcast at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/live>. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss initiatives and policies to strengthen the economy, promote and accelerate job growth and bolster America's competitiveness around the world. The President will continue the discussion focused on identifying practical ways the government and business can work together to foster growth and create jobs. Due to the significant logistical difficulties of convening the members of the PCJC, the meeting has been scheduled with less than 15 days notice (see 41 CFR 102-3.150(b)).

Dated: December 28, 2011.

**Rebecca Ewing,**

*Acting Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of the Treasury.*

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