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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Announcing the Twenty First Public Meeting of the Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN)

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Meeting announcement.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Twenty First Public Meeting of members of the Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network. CIREN is a collaborative effort to conduct research on crashes and injuries at six Level I Trauma Centers across the United States linked by a computer network. The current CIREN model utilizes two types of centers, medical and engineering. Medical centers are based at Level I Trauma Centers that admit large numbers of people injured in motor vehicle crashes. These teams are led by trauma surgeons and emergency physicians and also include a crash investigator and project coordinator. Engineering centers are based at academic engineering laboratories that have experience in motor vehicle crash and human injury research. Engineering teams partner with trauma centers to enroll crash victims into the CIREN program. Engineering teams are led by mechanical engineers, typically trained in the area of impact biomechanics. Engineering teams also include trauma/emergency physicians, a crash investigator, and a project coordinator. Either type of team typically includes additional physicians and/or engineers, epidemiologists, nurses, and other researchers. The CIREN process combines prospective data collection with professional multidisciplinary analysis of medical and engineering evidence to determine injury causation in every crash investigation conducted. Researchers can review data and share expertise, which may lead to a better understanding of crash injury mechanisms and the design of safer vehicles. The six centers will give presentations on current research based on CIREN data. Topics include: Understanding Brain Injury Mechanisms; Integrating Real World Lesions, Anthropomorphic Test Device Response, and Finite Element Modeling;

Evaluating the Benefits for Advanced Automatic Crash Notification; Vehicle Seat Bottom Influence on Spine Loads in Frontal Impacts; Rib Fractures in Older Occupants; Changes Over Time in Injury and Crash Characteristics; and Determination of Seat Belt Use and Positioning with Three-Dimensional CT Scans.

The final agenda will be posted to the CIREN Web site that can be accessed by going to <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ciren>. The agenda will be posted one week prior to the meeting.

Date and Time: The meeting is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: U.S. Department of Transportation Headquarters, Oklahoma Room, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

To Register For This Event: It is essential that you pre-register to expedite the security process for entry to the meeting facility. Please send your name, affiliation, phone number, and email address to Rodney.Rudd@dot.gov by Wednesday, August 28, 2013, in order to have your name added to the pre-registration list. Everyone must have a government-issued photo identification to be admitted to the facility.

For General Information: Rodney Rudd (202) 366-5932, Mark Scarborough (202) 366-5078 or Cathy McCullough (202) 366-4734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NHTSA has held CIREN public meetings on a regular basis since 2000, including quarterly meetings and annual conferences. This is the Twenty First such meeting. Presentations from these meetings are available through the NHTSA Web site. NHTSA plans to continue holding CIREN meetings on a regular basis to disseminate CIREN information to interested parties. Individual CIREN cases collected since 1998 may be viewed from the NHTSA/CIREN Web site at the address provided above. Should it be necessary to cancel the meeting due to inclement weather or to any other emergencies, a decision to cancel will be made as soon as possible and posted immediately on CIREN's Web site as indicated above. If you do not have access to the Web site, you may call or email the contacts listed in this announcement and leave your telephone number or email address. You will be contacted only if the meeting is postponed or canceled.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35754]

RSL Railroad, LLC—Lease and Operation Exemption—Line of Norfolk Southern Railway Company

RSL Railroad, LLC (RSL), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease from Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR), and to operate, an approximately 1.40-mile rail line, known as the South Massillon IT, between mileposts MT 0.00 and MT 1.40 in Massillon, Ohio.

RSL states that it currently provides service over a 1.27-mile segment of track owned by the Massillon Energy & Technology Park in Massillon, and by this transaction will extend its operations by 1.40 additional miles, reaching a new connection and interchange point with NSR at milepost MT 0.00.

The transaction may be consummated on or after September 7, 2013, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the exemption was filed).

RSL certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed \$5 million or result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than August 30, 2013 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and ten copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35754, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on John D. Heffner, Strasburger & Price, LLP, 1700 K St. NW., Suite 640, Washington, DC 20006.

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