

motor vehicle safety for the following reasons:

(1) The functionality of all braking systems, including the service brakes and parking brakes, is not affected by the noncompliance and the vehicles will operate as intended.

(2) In addition to the parking brake telltale, the Captiva Driver Information Center (DIC) provides a message when the parking brake is set. Specifically, when the parking brake is applied and the ISO parking brake telltale is illuminated, the following message is also displayed: "Park Brake Set"

(3) In the noncompliant vehicles, the electronic parking brake automatically releases when the vehicle transmission is in drive and the vehicle is driven away.

(4) The description of the parking braking operation, found in the owner's manual, clearly indicates the ISO parking brake symbol will be displayed when the parking brake is applied.

(5) The control, which applies and releases the parking brake on the subject vehicles, is identified with the same ISO symbol that is used on the telltale to indicate the parking brake is applied.

(6) Other current and previous vehicles manufactured by GM and other manufacturers use the ISO parking brake symbol in conjunction with the word "PARK", or a common brake telltale incorporating the subject park brake symbol in conjunction with the word "BRAKE" and the ISO symbol for brake malfunction, to indicate the application of the parking brake. GM has also, confirmed that the Parking Brake ISO telltale, in conjunction with the brake malfunction telltale and word "BRAKE", has been used on other vehicles and thus the motoring public has come to associate the ISO park brake symbol with the application of the parking brake.

(7) GM is unaware of any field or owner complaints or injuries regarding the subject noncompliance.

In summation, GM believes that the described noncompliance of its vehicles is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety, and that its petition, to exempt it from providing recall notification of noncompliance as required by 49 U.S.C. 30118 and remedying the recall noncompliance as required by 49 U.S.C. 30120 should be granted.

VI. *NHTSA Decision*: NHTSA has reviewed GM's analyses that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. Specifically, the telltale used for Park Brake, displayed using International Organization for Standardization (ISO) symbol instead of the telltale symbols required by FMVSS

Nos. 101 and 135, poses little if any risk to motor vehicle safety.

NHTSA agrees with GM's statement that the parking brake telltale ISO symbol has no effect on brake performance. Vehicle stopping distance and thus collision avoidance is not compromised due to the mislabeling. When the parking brake is activated the ISO symbol is illuminated as required with the letters and background in contrasting colors, one of which is red for both models, and for the Captiva, redundant driver notification is also provided in the information center with the text "Park Brake Set". In addition, the ISO symbol incorporates the capital letter "P" which is part of the required word "Park" and the ISO symbol has been used on US-certified vehicles for many years in conjunction with the required text. Thus, over time, the ISO symbol has evolved to become increasingly recognizable and understandable to drivers. The brake apply switch located in the center console is identified with the same ISO parking brake symbol as the mislabeled dash telltale. Each time the driver activates the parking brake he/she will visually be reminded of the meaning of the ISO symbol. The parking brake control and the representative ISO symbol are operationally linked. Further, the meaning of the ISO symbol is described in the owner's manuals of both models.

NHTSA believes that the combination of the red contrasting color of the ISO symbol, the message center for the Captiva, the letter "P" in the ISO symbol, common ISO symbol usage, the electric brake apply switch marked with the ISO symbol, and the owner's manual description, will be sufficient to adequately warn the driver when the parking brake is set. Also, because the parking brake automatically releases as the vehicle transmission is shifted to drive and the vehicle is driven away, any possibility of vehicle control and drivability issues due to brake drag are eliminated. NHTSA has not received any consumer complaints regarding the subject vehicles.

In consideration of the foregoing, NHTSA has decided that GM has met its burden of persuasion that the noncompliance with FMVSS Nos. 101 and 135 is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. Accordingly, GM's petition is hereby granted and GM is exempted from the obligation of providing notification of, and a remedy for, that noncompliance under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120.

NHTSA notes that the statutory provisions (49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h)) that permit manufacturers to

file petitions for a determination of inconsequentiality allow NHTSA to exempt manufacturers only from the duties found in sections 30118 and 30120, respectively, to notify owners, purchasers, and dealers of a defect or noncompliance and to remedy the defect or noncompliance. Therefore, this decision only applies to the subject noncompliant vehicles that GM no longer controlled at the time it determined that the noncompliance existed. However, the granting of this petition does not relieve vehicle distributors and dealers of the prohibitions on the sale, offer for sale, or introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of the noncompliant vehicles under their control after GM notified them that the subject noncompliance existed.

Authority: (49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.95 and 501.8).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 57 (Sub-No. 61X)]

Soo Line Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Racine County, WI

Soo Line Railroad Company, d/b/a Canadian Pacific (Soo Line) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 10.63-mile line of railroad located approximately between milepost 7.8 and milepost 18.43 in Racine County, Wis. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 53139, 53182, and 53177.

Soo Line has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least two years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can be and has been 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 two-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 March 19, 2014, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by February 24, 2014. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by March 6, 2014, 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 Soo Line's representative: Leigh K. Currie, Stinson Leonard Street, 150 South Fifth Street, Suite 2300, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

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

Soo Line has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by February 21, 2014. 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 (800) 877-8339. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days

¹ 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.

² Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,600. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

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), Soo Line 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 Soo Line's filing of a notice of consummation by February 14, 2015, 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 "www.stb.dot.gov."

Decided: February 11, 2014.

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

Raina S. White,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Open Meeting of the Financial Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Financial Research Advisory Committee for the Treasury's Office of Financial Research (OFR) is convening for its third meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 in the Cash Room, Department of The Treasury; 1500 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington, DC 20220, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be open to the public via live webcast at <http://www.treasury.gov/ofr> and limited seating will also be available.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Cash Room, Department of The Treasury; 1500 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20220. The meeting will be open to the public via live webcast at <http://www.treasury.gov/ofr>. A limited number of seats will be available for those interested in attending the meeting in person, and those seats would be on a first-come, first-served basis. Because the meeting will be held in a secured facility, members of the public who plan to attend the meeting must contact the Office of Financial Research (OFR) by

email at andrea.b.ianniello@treasury.gov by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on February 12, 2014 to inform the OFR of their desire to attend the meeting and to receive further instructions about building clearance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrea Ianniello, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220, (202) 622-3002 (this is not a toll-free number), andrea.b.ianniello@treasury.gov. Persons who have difficulty hearing or speaking may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 10(a)(2), through implementing regulations at 41 CFR 102-3.150.

Public Comment: Members of the public wishing to comment on the business of the Financial Research Advisory Committee are invited to submit written statements by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Statements.* Email the Committee's Designated Federal Officer at andrea.b.ianniello@treasury.gov.

- *Paper Statements.* Send paper statements in triplicate to the Financial Research Advisory Committee, Attn: Andrea Ianniello, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220.

The OFR will post statements on the Committee's Web site, <http://www.treasury.gov/initiatives/ofr/about/Pages/Financial-Research-Advisory-Committee.aspx>, including any business or personal information provided, such as names, addresses, email addresses, or telephone numbers. The OFR will also make such statements available for public inspection and copying in the Department of the Treasury's library, Annex Room 1020, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220 on official business days between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time. You may make an appointment to inspect statements by telephoning (202) 622-0990. All statements, including attachments and other supporting materials, will be part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

Tentative Agenda/Topics for Discussion: The Committee provides an opportunity for researchers, industry leaders, and other qualified individuals