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CSXT has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environmental and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by March 13, 1995. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 3219, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling Elaine Kaiser, Chief of SEA, at (202) 927-6248. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA is available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Decided: February 27, 1995.

By the Commission, David M. Kongschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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[Ex Parte No. 388 (Sub-No. 16)]

**Intrastate Rail Rate Authority—Mississippi**

**AGENCY:** Interstate Commerce Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of recertification.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 11501(b), the Commission recertifies the State of Mississippi to regulate intrastate rail rates, classifications, rules, and practices for a 5-year period.

**DATES:** Recertification will be effective on April 7, 1995 and will expire on April 6, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elaine Sehrt-Green, (202) 927-5269 or Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-5610. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: February 28, 1995.

By the Commission, Chairman McDonald, Vice Chairman Morgan, and Commissioners Simmons and Owen.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. AB-12 (Sub-No. 166X)]

**Southern Pacific Transportation Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Fort Bend and Wharton Counties, TX**

**AGENCY:** Interstate Commerce Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10505, exempts Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPT) from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903-10904 to permit SPT to abandon two connecting branch lines, the Wharton Segment and the Palacios Segment, that meet in a "Y" shape at Wharton Jct., TX, and extend a total of 36.8 miles, in Fort Bend and Wharton Counties, TX. The exemption will be subject to standard employee protective conditions, environmental conditions, an historic condition, and a 90-day public use condition.

**DATES:** Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on April 7, 1995. Formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)<sup>1</sup> must be filed by March 17, 1995, petitions to stay must be filed by March 23, 1995, requests for a public use condition conforming to 49 CFR 1152.28(a)(2) must be filed by March 28, 1995, and petitions to reopen must be filed by April 3, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Send pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB-12 (Sub-No. 166X) to: (1) Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, 1201 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20423; and (2) Petitioner's representatives: John MacDonald Smith and Gary Laasko, Suite 800, Southern Pacific Building, One Market Plaza, San Francisco, CA 94105; and Karl Morell and Louis E. Gitomer, Suite 1035, 1101 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-5610. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Additional information is contained in the Commission's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: Dynamic Concepts, Inc., Room 2229, Interstate Commerce Commission Building, 1201 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services at (202) 927-5721.]

<sup>1</sup> See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.* 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

Decided: February 22, 1995.

By the Commission, Chairman McDonald, Vice Chairman Morgan, and Commissioners Simmons and Owen.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. AB-436X]

**Bath and Hammondsport Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Steuben County, NY**

Bath and Hammondsport Railroad Company (B&H) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately .31 miles of rail line between milepost 8.86 and the end of the line at milepost 9.17, in the Village of Hammondsport, Steuben County, NY.

B&H has certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line; (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 Commission or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic 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 use of this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 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. 10505(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expressions of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on April 7, 1995, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> A stay will be routinely issued by the Commission in those proceedings where an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Commission's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made prior to the effective date of the notice of exemption. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any entity seeking a stay involving environmental concerns is encouraged to file its

formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking statements under 49 CFR 1152.29<sup>3</sup> must be filed by March 18, 1995. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by March 28, 1995, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Commission should be sent to applicant's representative: William B. Joint, Cole & Latham, P.C., P.O. Box 232, 7 East Steuben Street, Bath, NY 14810.

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B&H has filed an environmental report which addresses the effects of the abandonment, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by March 13, 1995. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 3219, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling Elaine Kaiser, Chief of SEA, at (202) 927-6248. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA is available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.<sup>4</sup>

Decided: March 3, 1995.

By the Commission, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (95-022)]

### Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Working Group II

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

request as soon as possible in order to permit the Commission to review and act on the request before the effective date of this exemption.

<sup>2</sup>See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

<sup>3</sup>The Commission will accept a late-filed trail use request as long as it retains jurisdiction to do so.

<sup>4</sup>B&H states that the entire line is suitable for alternative public use and that it has contracted to sell the segment between milepost 9.07 and milepost 9.17 to the Town of Urbana, NY, for waterfront access and use as a park.

**ACTION:** Notice of the availability of draft report and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has prepared a draft 1995 Assessment of Impacts, Adaptation, and Mitigation. The IPCC Secretariat requires comments on this report from national governments by April 28, 1995, so that the Secretariat can meet its obligations to member governments of the IPCC. The U.S. Government is expected to receive its copy of this assessment for formal government comment on March 6, 1995. Dr. Robert Harriss, Director, Science Division, Office of Mission to Planet Earth, on behalf of the U.S. Subcommittee on Global Change Research (SGCR) is responsible for coordinating the preparation of the comments of the United States Government. Through this notice, the SGCR is announcing the availability of the draft 1995 Assessment and requesting comments on this report from experts and interested groups and individual. These comments will be reviewed, combined, and incorporated as appropriate, in the process of preparing the set of official U.S. comments to the IPCC.

**DATES:** Written comments (hard copy and if possible on a 3.5 inch diskette in either Microsoft Word or WordPerfect format) on the draft 1995 Assessment should be submitted on or before March 31, 1995. the USGCRP does not anticipate extending this deadline because the member countries of the IPCC have established a timetable that requires input by April 28, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted either by mailing to: IPCC WG II Comments, Office of the U.S. Global Change Research Program, 300 D Street, SW, Suite 840, Washington, DC 20024, or by E-mail in ASCII format on Internet to: wg2@usgcrp.gov".

A list of chapters making up the draft 1995 Assessment is included with this notice. Review is sought by those having specific expertise or interest in the various aspects of the assessment. Copies of individual chapters making up the draft 1995 Assessment can be obtained by: (1) Telephone request to Mr. Earley Green at (202) 651-8240; (2) sending E-mail to "office@usgcrp.gov"; (3) faxing a request to (202) 554-6715; or (4) sending a letter to the USGCRP Office directed to Mr. Earley Green at the address shown above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Desiree Martinez, Science Division, Office of Mission to Planet Earth, at (202) 358-2102.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Background

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was jointly established in 1988 by the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological organization to conduct periodic assessments of the state of knowledge concerning global climate change. The IPCC has formed working groups to study various aspects of climate change. Working Group I addresses the state of the science concerning what is happening and is projected to happen to the climate; Working Group II addresses the state of the science concerning (i) vulnerability to and impacts of climate change and (ii) adaptation and mitigation strategies; and Working Group III addresses the state of science and understanding concerning economics and cross-cutting issues associated with climate change. Each Working Group is charged with issuing periodic assessments. The first Scientific Assessment of Climate Change, for example, was prepared in 1990. Periodic assessment reports such as this provide a comprehensive statement of the state of knowledge concerning topics such as scientific information, environmental impacts, response strategies, and other issues concerning climate change. The draft 1995 Assessment represents the result of Working Group II efforts since its inception to address the consequences and impacts of climate change and response strategies focusing on mitigation and adoption.

### II. Public Input Process

The member countries of the IPCC established a timetable that requires comments from governments be received by April 28, 1995, so that the IPCC Secretariat can meet its obligations for a timely completion of the 1995 IPCC Assessment. The Subcommittee on Global Change Research is responsible for coordinating preparation of the U.S. Government response, and through this notice is seeking the views of experts and interested groups and individuals to help in the formulation of its response. Comments that are provided will be reviewed, integrated, and used, as appropriate, in the preparation of the official U.S. comments.

In this review process, the emphasis should be on providing detailed recommendations on specific chapters for which the reviewer has established expertise or interest. To be most useful, comments should be specific in suggesting wording changes to the text of a particular chapter and, where appropriate, offer supporting