

section 10(a) permits be issued for those species pursuant to the HCP and IA. In response to previous comments, additional conservation, comprised of the acquisition of approximately 240 acres under the City of Carlsbad's Habitat Management Plan, has been suggested and is being considered. The 240 acres would be purchased within the habitat corridor between the City of Carlsbad and the San Dieguito River Valley to the southeast and will be of value to the gnatcatcher as habitat or as connectivity between areas of occupied habitat. In order to provide for further consideration of the above, the Service has re-opened the comment period for the Fieldstone HCP and associated documents.

DATES: Written comments on the permit application and draft EA should be received on or before April 3, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the application or adequacy of the EA should be addressed to Mr. Gail Kobetich, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008. Please refer to permit No. PRT-795759 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail Kobetich or Ken Corey at the above address, or telephone (619) 431-9440. Individuals wishing copies of the application or EA should immediately contact Ken Corey. Documents also will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A concern has been raised regarding the consistency of the HCP with specific subarea and subregional plans under the statewide Natural Community Conservation Program (NCCP) (see page 54208 in 59 FR No. 208). All agencies and individuals are urged to provide comments on the proposal, draft EA, and the NCCP consistency issue. All comments received by the closing date will be considered in finalizing NEPA compliance and permit issuance or denial.

Dated: March 14, 1995.

Don Weathers,

Regional Director.

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Minerals Management Service

Notice on Outer Continental Shelf Gas and Oil Lease Sales

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: List of restricted joint bidders.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Minerals Management Service by the joint bidding provisions of 30 CFR 256.41, each entity within one of the following groups shall be restricted from bidding with any entity in any other of the following groups at Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas lease sales to be held during the bidding period from May 1, 1995, through October 31, 1995. The List of Restricted Joint Bidders published October 5, 1994, in the **Federal Register** at 59 FR 50767 covered the period of November 1, 1994, through April 30, 1995.

Group I. Exxon Corporation; Exxon San Joaquin Production Co.

Group II. Shell Oil Co.; Shell Offshore Inc.; Shell Western E&P Inc.; Shell Frontier Oil & Gas Inc.; Shell Onshore Ventures Inc.

Group III. Mobil Oil Corp.; Mobil Oil Exploration and Producing Southeast Inc.; Mobil Producing Texas and New Mexico Inc.; Mobil Exploration and Producing North America Inc.

Group IV. BP America Inc.; The Standard Oil Co.; BP Exploration & Oil Inc.; BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc.

Dated: March 13, 1995.

Cynthia Quarterman,

Acting Director, Minerals Management Service.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

[Finance Docket No. 32611]

Dallas Area Rapid Transit—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Certain Lines of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company

AGENCY: Interstate Commerce Commission.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Commission, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10505, exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11343-11345 the acquisition and operation by Dallas Area Rapid Transit of 11.5 miles of railroad line of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, subject to the standard labor protective conditions. The line extends from approximately milepost 45.5 in Hale, to the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's overhead crossing at approximately milepost 57.0 in Dallas, Dallas County, TX.

DATES: This exemption will be effective on April 9, 1995. Petitions to stay must

be filed by March 30, 1995. Petitions to reopen must be filed by April 4, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings referring to Finance Docket No. 32611 to: (1) Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) Petitioners' representative: Kevin M. Sheys, Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, 1020 Nineteenth Street, NW., suite 400, Washington, DC 20036.

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., Interstate Commerce Commission Building, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., room 2229, Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: March 7, 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. 183X)]

Southern Pacific Transportation Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Marion County, OR

Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPT) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon the 4.71-mile portion of its Geer Branch (the Line), extending from milepost 721.10, at or near the Geer rail station, to milepost 725.81, at or near the Salem rail station, in Marion County, OR.¹ SPT has certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the Line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the Line can

¹ Contemporaneous with this filing, the Williamette Valley Railway Company (WVR) filed a notice of exemption in Williamette Valley Railway Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Marion County, OR, Docket No. AB-435 (Sub-No. 1X), to discontinue operating on the 4.71-mile portion of the Geer Branch between milepost 721.10 at or near the Geer rail station to milepost 725.81 at or near the Salem rail station.

WVR leased and operated the entire Geer Branch pursuant to the notice of exemption in *Williamette Valley Railway Company—Acquisition, Lease and Operation Exemption—Southern Pacific Transportation Company, Finance Docket No. 32249* (ICC served Mar. 5, 1993).

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 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 reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 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 expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on April 19, 1995, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),³ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29⁴ must be filed by March 30, 1995. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by April 10, 1995, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any pleading filed with the Commission should be sent to applicant's representative: Gary A. Laakso, Southern Pacific Building, One Market Plaza, Room 846, San Francisco, CA 94105.

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

² A stay will be issued routinely 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 before 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 request as soon as possible in order to permit this Commission to review and act on the request before the effective date of this exemption.

³ See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

⁴ The Commission will accept a late-filed trail use request as long as it retains jurisdiction to do so.

SPT has filed an environmental report which addresses the effects of the abandonment, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Commission's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by March 24, 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: March 14, 1995.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. AB-435 (Sub-No. 1X)]

**Willamette Valley Railway Company—
Discontinuance of Service
Exemption—in Marion County, OR**

Willamette Valley Railway Company (WVR) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights* to discontinue service over approximately 4.71 miles of rail line owned by Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SP) extending between milepost 721.10 at or near Geer rail station and milepost 725.81 at or near Salem rail station, in Marion County, OR.¹

WVR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) all overhead traffic has been rerouted; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or 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

¹ WVR was authorized to lease from SP and operate approximate 72.37 miles of rail line, including this line segment, in *Willamette Valley Railway Company—Acquisition, Lease and Operation Exemption—Southern Pacific Transportation Company*, Finance Docket No. 32249 (ICC served Mar. 5, 1993). The lease transaction was consummated on February 22, 1993, as noted in SP's simultaneously filed notice of exemption to abandon this same line segment. See *Southern Pacific Transportation Company—Abandonment Exemption—In Marion County, OR*, Docket No. AB-12 (Sub-No. 183X).

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 (service of environmental report on agencies), 49 CFR 1105.8 (service of historic report on State Historic Preservation Officer), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (service of verified notice on governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to use of this exemption, any employee affected by the discontinuance of service 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 expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance has been received, this exemption will be effective on April 19, 1995 (unless stayed pending reconsideration). Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² and formal expressions of intent to file offers of financial assistance under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),³ must be filed by March 30, 1995. Petitions to reopen must be filed by April 10, 1995, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC 20423.⁴

A copy of any petition filed with the Commission should be sent to applicant's representative: Fritz R. Kahn, Suite 750 West, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005-3934.

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

SP has filed an environmental report in Docket No. AB-12 (Sub-No. 183X) which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment or historic resources. WVR has adopted SP's environmental report here. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by March 24, 1995.

² A stay will be issued routinely 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 on environmental grounds is encouraged to file promptly so that the Commission may act on the request before the effective date.

³ See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

⁴ Requests for trail use/rail banking or public use conditions will be considered in SP's related abandonment notice of exemption in Docket No. AB-12 (Sub-No. 183X).