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William A. Boehly,
Associate Administrator for Research and Development.

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Research and Special Programs Administration

Pipeline Safety User Fees

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the fiscal year 1997 user fee assessments for pipeline facilities will be mailed to pipeline operators on or about December 10, 1996. The fees to be assessed for natural gas transmission, hazardous liquid and liquefied natural gas (LNG) are as indicated below:

Natural gas transmission pipelines: \$67.46 per mile (based on 295,217 miles of pipeline).

Hazardous liquid pipelines: \$61.27 per mile (based on 155,180 miles of pipeline).

LNG is based on the number of plants and total storage capacity:

Total storage capacity BBLs	Assessment/plant
<10,000	= \$1,250
10,000-100,000	= 2,500
100,000-250,000	= 3,750
250,000-500,000	= 5,000
≤500,000	= 7,500

Section 60301 of Title 49, United States Code, authorizes the assessment and collection of pipeline user fees to fund the pipeline safety activities conducted under 49 U.S.C. 60101 *et seq.* The Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) assesses each operator of regulated interstate and intrastate natural gas transmission pipelines (as defined in 49 CFR Part 192), and hazardous liquid pipelines carrying petroleum, petroleum products, anhydrous ammonia and carbon dioxide (as defined in 49 CFR Part 195) a share of the total Federal pipeline safety program costs in proportion to the number of miles of pipeline each operator has in service. Onshore pipelines excluded from regulation by 49 CFR 195, are not included. Operators of LNG facilities are assessed based on total storage capacity (as defined in 49 CFR Part 193).

In accordance with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 60301, Departmental resources were taken into consideration for determining total program costs. The apportionment ratio between gas and liquid, as shown below, is a result of increased program resources to the hazardous liquid program because of environmental protection activities:

Year(s)	General program costs (gas) (percent)	General program costs (liquid) (percent)
1986-1990	80	20
1991-1992	75	25
1993	75 (3/4yr) ...	25 (3/4yr)
	60 (1/4yr) ...	40 (1/4yr)
1994	60	40
1995	75	25
1996	65	35
1997	55	45

In accordance with the regulations of the Department of the Treasury, user fees will be due 30 days after the date of the assessment. Interest, penalties, and administrative charges will be assessed on delinquent debts in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3717.

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Richard B. Felder

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33287]

Delaware Valley Railway Company, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Gettysburg Railroad Company

Delaware Valley Railway Company, Inc., a Class III shortline carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate approximately 23.4 route miles from Gettysburg Railroad Company between approximately milepost 31.2, at Gettysburg, PA, and milepost 7.8, at Mount Holly Springs, PA.

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or about November 15, 1996.

If the 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 does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33287, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on: Robert A. Wimbish, Esq., Rea, Cross & Auchincloss, Suite 420, 1920 N Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 785-3700.

Decided: November 7, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[STB Finance Docket No. 33291]

Genesee & Wyoming Inc.—Control Exemption—Rail Link, Inc.

Genesee & Wyoming Inc. (GWI), a noncarrier holding company, has filed a notice of exemption to acquire control through stock ownership of Rail Link, Inc. (Rail Link), a noncarrier holding company. Rail Link controls three separate Class III railroads as follows: Carolina Coastal Railway, Inc. (CLNA); Commonwealth Railway, Inc. (CWRY); and Talleyrand Terminal Railroad (TRR).¹

The transaction will be consummated on or after November 8, 1996.

¹ GWI is acquiring all of the outstanding capital stock of Rail Link and will indirectly control CLNA, CWRY, and TRR.