

approximately 3.6 miles of rail line owned by Trains Unlimited and located at Charles City, in Floyd County, IA (the Charles City line), between milepost 0.0 and milepost 3.6. The proposed transaction was expected to be consummated on December 18, 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 will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33319 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423 and served on: Thomas F. McFarland, Jr., McFarland & Herman, 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1330, Chicago, IL 60606-2902.

Decided: December 30, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Fiscal Service

#### Renegotiation Board Interest Rate; Prompt Payment Interest Rate; Contract Dispute Act

Although the Renegotiation Board is no longer in existence, other Federal Agencies are required to use interest rates computed under the criteria established by the Renegotiation Act of 1971 (P.L. 92-41). For example, the Contract Dispute Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-563) and the Prompt Payment Act (P.L. 97-177) provide for the calculation of interest due on claims at a rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to Public Law 92-41 (85 Stat. 97) for the Renegotiation Board (31 U.S.C. 3902).

Therefore, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the above mentioned sections, the Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the rate of interest applicable for the purpose of said sections, for the period beginning January 1, 1997 and ending on June 30, 1997, is 6 $\frac{3}{8}$  percentum per annum.

Dated: December 27, 1996.

Donald V. Hammond,

Deputy Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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## UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY:** United States Institute of Peace.  
**DATE/TIME:** Thursday, January 23, 1997, 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** 1550 M Street, NW., M Street Lobby Conference Room, Washington, DC 20005.

**STATUS:** Open Session—Portions may be closed pursuant to Subsection (c) of Section 552(b) of Title 5, United States Code, as provided in subsection 1706(h)(3) of the United States Institute of Peace Act, Public Law 98-525.

**AGENDA:** January Board Meeting; Approval of Minutes of the Seventy-eighth Meeting of the Board of Directors; Chairman's Report; President's Report; Committee Reports; Review of Unsolicited Grant Applications; Selection of 1998 National Peace Essay Contest Topic; Other General Issues.

**CONTACT:** Dr. Sheryl Brown, Director, Office of Communications, Telephone: (202) 457-1700.

Dated: January 2, 1997.

Charles E. Nelson,

Vice President for Management and Finance,  
United States Institute of Peace.

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