

conclusion of an investigation. Therefore, the petition has been denied.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30162(a); delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

Issued on: January 7, 1997.

Michael B. Brownlee,  
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance.

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## Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-474X]

### Old Augusta Railroad Company— Whole-Line Abandonment Exemption—in Perry County, MS

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** The Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, exempts from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903-04, the abandonment by Old Augusta Railroad Company of its entire 2.5-mile rail line located between milepost 0.0 at Augusta and milepost 2.5 at New Augusta, in Perry County, MS, subject to labor protective conditions.

**DATES:** This exemption will be effective on February 20, 1997. Petitions to stay must be filed by February 5, 1997 and petitions to reopen must be filed by February 17, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Send pleadings referring to STB Docket No. AB-474X to: (1) Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423, and (2) Eugenia Langan, Shea & Gardner, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 927-5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC News & Data, Inc., Room 2229, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: January 6, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Owen, and Commissioner Simmons. Commissioner Simmons did not participate.

Vernon A. Williams,  
Secretary,

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determinations

Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit, "The Victorians: British Painting in the Reign of Queen Victoria, 1837-1901" (See list <sup>1</sup>), imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported

<sup>1</sup> A copy of this list may be obtained by contacting Jacqueline H. Caldwell, Esq., Assistant General Counsel, at 202-619-6982, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.

pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC from on or about February 16, 1997 to May 11, 1997, is in the national interest. Public Notice of this determination is ordered to be published in the Federal Register.

Dated: January 15, 1997.

Wally Stuart,

Acting General Counsel.

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## U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy Meeting

AGENCY: United States Information Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** A meeting of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy will be held on January 22 in Room 600, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington D.C. from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The Commission will participate in a discussion with members of the Public Diplomacy Foundation to discuss the Foundation's role and information age foreign policy. Representing the Foundation will be its President Barry Zorthian, Leonard Baldyga, and Jack Harrod.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please call Betty Hayes, (202) 619-4468, if you are interested in attending the meeting. Space is limited and entrance to the building is controlled.

Dated: January 14, 1997.

Rose Royal,

Management Analyst, Federal Register Liaison.

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