

482-4792 or Suzanna Kang, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20508, (202) 395-6120.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ISAC 14 will hold a meeting on February 24, 1997 from 9:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Pursuant to Section 2155(f)(2) of Title 19 of the United States Code and Executive Order 11846 of March 27, 1975, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative has determined that part of this meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the development by the United States Government of trade policy, priorities, negotiating objectives or bargaining positions with respect to the operation of any trade agreement and other matters arising in connection with the development, implementation and administration of the trade policy of the United States. During the discussion of such matters, the meeting will be closed to the public from 12:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public and press from 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. when other trade policy issues will be discussed. Attendance during this part of the meeting is for observation only. Individuals who are not members of the committee will not be invited to comment.

Phyllis Shearer Jones,

*Assistant United States Trade Representative, Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[CGD 97-006]

#### Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) and its Prevention Through People (PTP) and Vapor Control System (VCS) Subcommittees will meet to discuss various issues relating to the marine transportation of hazardous materials in bulk. All meetings are open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting of CTAC will be held on Thursday, March 6, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The meetings of the PTP and VCS Subcommittees will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 1997, from 9:30

a.m. to 3 p.m. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before February 26, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The CTAC meeting will be held in room 6200, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh St. SW., Washington, DC. The PTP and VCS Subcommittee meetings will be held in room 1301 and 6103, respectively, at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second St. SW., Washington, DC. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should be sent to Commander Kevin S. Cook, Commandant (G-MSO-3), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second St. SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Commander Kevin S. Cook, Executive Director of CTAC, or Lieutenant J.J. Plunkett, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone (202) 267-0087, fax (202) 267-4570.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of these meetings is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2.

#### Agendas of Meetings

*Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC).* The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Progress report from the Prevention through People (PTP) Subcommittee.
- (2) Progress report from the *ad-hoc* 46 CFR Part 152 Subcommittee.
- (3) Progress report from the Vapor Control System (VCS) Subcommittee.
- (4) Status of the implementation of Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) no. 1-96, Safety Standards for the Design and Operation of a Marine Vapor Control System at Tank Barge Cleaning Facility.
- (5) Potential hazardous materials release and the grounding of the M/T Igloo Moon off Key Biscayne, FL.
- (6) Union Carbide's PTP efforts to prevent the release of hazardous materials.
- (7) Status of the Hazardous Substance Response Plan rulemaking and workshops.
- (8) Overview of the information available from the Marine Safety Newsletter and World Wide Web.

*Vapor Control System (VCS) Subcommittee.* The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Review the minutes from the meeting conducted on January 29, 1997, in Houston, TX.
- (2) Discuss work completed by facility VCS work group.
- (3) Discuss work completed by vessel VCS work group.

*Prevention through People (PTP) Subcommittee.* The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Complete discussions on recommended revisions to Accident Investigation Form (CG-2692) which address human factors issues.
- (2) Discuss near accident reporting scheme and how information collected can be used to share lessons learned with the marine transportation industry.
- (3) Review/discuss the safety check off lists used during loading operations. Determine "best practices" which can be shared with vessels and facilities.

#### Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. At the Chairperson's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. Persons wishing to make oral presentations at the meeting should notify the Executive Director no later than February 26, 1997. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than February 26, 1997. If a person submitting material would like a copy distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of the meetings, that person should submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than February 19, 1997.

#### Information on Services for the Disabled

For information on facilities or services for the disabled or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Lieutenant Plunkett as soon as possible.

Dated: January 27, 1997.

Joseph J. Angelo,

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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[CGD 97-005]

#### Technology Symposium on Vessel Traffic Services; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is undertaking an effort to identify the minimum requirements and capabilities a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) must have to serve its wide range of users. This effort will form the basis for the Coast Guard to propose to Congress a viable production program for a VTS that takes advantage of available, off-the-shelf and open architecture systems that are inexpensive to build and operate. To

this end, the Coast Guard will sponsor a Technology Symposium on VTS systems. The symposium will feature oral presentations by industry about VTS technology.

**DATES:** The Symposium will be held on February 12, 1997 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Symposium will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gene Lockhart (USCG) (202) 267-2813; Robert Perris (USCG) (202) 267-2220; FAX (202) 267-4018.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The preliminary agenda for the Symposium is as follows: 0800-0830 Registration; 0830-0835 Welcome; 0835-0900 Announcements; 0900-1145 Industry Presentations by CDA Corp., Denbridge Digital Limited, GP&C Sweden AB, Hughes Aircraft Company, Kongsberg Norcontrol; 1145-1300 Lunch Break; 1300-1630 Industry Presentations by Lockheed Martin Corp., Meteor Communication Corp., Newcomb Communications Corp., Computer Sciences Corp., Ross Engineering, STN Atlas Elektronik; 1630-1645 Closing Remarks.

The Hyatt Regency Hotel Crystal City is located at the southern end of Crystal City near National Airport. The hotel's phone number is (703) 418-1234/7226.

Dated: January 29, 1997.

Frederic N. Squires,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Director of Acquisition.

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### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33338]

#### Luzerne and Susquehanna Railway Company—Lease and Operation Exemption—Luzerne County Rail Corporation, F & L Realty, Inc., and SLIBCO Utilities, Inc.

Luzerne and Susquehanna Railway Company (LS), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease and operate certain lines of Luzerne County Rail Corporation (LCRC), F & L Realty, Inc. (F & L), and SLIBCO Utilities, Inc. (SLIBCO), located in Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties, PA. The proposed transaction was to have been consummated as soon as possible after the January 20, 1997 effective date of the exemption.

The lines involved are described as follows: (1) approximately 1.7 miles of

rail line owned by LCRC and F & L between milepost 10.0 at the north side of Montage Road Crossing and milepost 10.5 at Little Virginia (the Dunmore Secondary Track); and between milepost 3.7 at Little Virginia and milepost 2.5 at Runaround Switch (the Brady Industrial Track); and (2) the Minooka Industrial Track owned by SLIBCO for its entire 1.5-mile length from Runaround Switch to the end of the track at Davis Street (the Minooka line). LS will lease and operate rail lines totaling approximately 3.2 miles.

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. 33338, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423 and served on: Eric B. Lee, Esq., 501 Plaza Drive, Vestal, NY 13850.

Decided: January 27, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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### Surface Transportation Board, Transportation

[STB Finance Docket No. 33290]<sup>1</sup>

#### Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Lines of Union Pacific Railroad Company

Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company (SSMB), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate approximately 220 miles of rail lines of Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and northern Wisconsin. The lines to be acquired and operated are: (1) The Escanaba Subdivision, extending from milepost 4.0 near Duck Creek, WI, to LS&I milepost 74.50 at Ishpeming, MI,

<sup>1</sup> On January 6, 1997, Inland Steel Company and LTV Steel Company, Inc., jointly filed a petition to reject the notice of exemption or to revoke the exemption. Simultaneously, they filed a petition to stay the effectiveness of the notice of exemption pending a ruling on the petition to reject or revoke. The stay request was denied by decision served January 24, 1997. The petition to reject or revoke will be handled in a separate decision.

a distance of 178.25 miles. (There are milepost equations at Menominee, MI, where milepost 49.99 = milepost 51.00, and at Escanaba, MI, where milepost 116.49 = milepost 117.00.); (2) The Iron Mountain Branch, extending from milepost 0.0 at Powers, MI (connection with the Escanaba Subdivision) to milepost 30.24 at Antoine, MI, a total distance of 32.01 miles. (The Iron Mountain Branch includes 1.30 miles of trackage rights over E&LS between UP mileposts 28.45 and 29.60 at Antoine, and a 1.62-mile industrial park spur at Antoine.); (3) The Niagara Industrial Lead, extending from milepost -0.40 at Quinnesec, MI (connection with the Iron Mountain Branch) to milepost 3.75 at Niagara, WI, a distance of 4.15 miles.; and (4) The Palmer Industrial Lead, extending from milepost 0.0 at Cascade (connection with the Escanaba Subdivision) to milepost 6.06 at Palmer, MI, a distance of 6.06 miles. (The Palmer Industrial Lead currently is out of service.) SSMB also will acquire by assignment from UP incidental trackage rights over lines of LS&I between Eagle Mills Jct. and Eagle Mills, MI, a distance of approximately 3 miles, and between Empire Junction and Empire Mine, MI, a distance of approximately 2 miles, and over lines of Fox Valley & Western Ltd. between Duck Creek and Green Bay, WI, a distance of approximately 4 miles.

The scheduled consummation date originally was January 20, 1997, but SSMB extended it to January 24, 1997.

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. 33290, 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: Janet H. Gilbert, 6250 North River Road, Suite 9000, Rosemont, IL 60018 and Robert H. Wheeler, Two Prudential

<sup>2</sup> Trackage between Negaunee, MI, and Ishpeming is owned and operated jointly by UP, Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL), and the Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad Company (LS&I). Reflecting this arrangement, changes in milepost numbering occur at West Wye near Negaunee, where milepost 176.85 and WCL milepost 164.49 designate the same point, and again at Euclid Avenue Yard in Ishpeming, where WCL milepost 170.70 and LS&I milepost 73.79 designate the same point. The Escanaba Subdivision includes industry trackage at Menominee/Marinette jointly owned or operated with the Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad Company (E&LS).