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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. RSAC-96-1, Notice No. 5]

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee ("RSAC") meeting.

SUMMARY: As required by Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), and 41 C.F.R. 101-6.1015(b), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) gives notice of a meeting of the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee ("RSAC"). The meeting is designed to accomplish several things: (1) the RSAC's receipt of status reports, containing progress information, from the Power Brake working group (to revise the power brake regulations contained in 49 CFR part 232), the Locomotive Engineer Certification working group (to revise the locomotive engineer certification regulations contained in 49 CFR part 240), and the Tourist and Historic Railroads working group's Steam Standards task force (to revise the steam locomotive inspection and testing standards contained in 49 CFR part 230); (2) the agency's tasking of the RSAC with the development of Locomotive Crew Safety standards (crashworthiness and working conditions); (3) the tasking of the RSAC with the development of Locomotive Event Recorder accident survivability standards; (4) the agency's engagement in exploratory discussions with the RSAC regarding positive train control; (5) the address of various issues relating to recent FRA regulatory actions (Accident/Incident Reporting and Passenger Safety); (6) a general briefing and discussion relating to other regulatory and related matters before the agency; and (7) miscellaneous administrative matters.

DATES: The meeting of the RSAC is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24.

ADDRESSES: The meeting of the RSAC will be held at the BWI Airport Marriott, 1743 West Nursery Road, Baltimore,

Maryland. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign language interpreters will be available for individuals with hearing impediments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), FRA is giving notice of a meeting of the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee ("RSAC"). The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 1997. The meeting will be held at the BWI Airport Marriott, 1743 West Nursery Road, Baltimore, Maryland. All times noted are Eastern Standard Time.

RSAC was established to provide advice and recommendations to the FRA on railroad safety matters. The Committee consists of 48 individual representatives, drawn from among 27 organizations representing various rail industry perspectives, and 2 associate non-voting representatives from the agencies with railroad safety regulatory responsibility in Canada and Mexico.

During this meeting, the RSAC will be receiving status reports, containing progress information, from the Power Brake working group (to revise the power brake regulations contained in 49 CFR part 232), the Locomotive Engineer Certification working group (to revise the locomotive engineer certification regulations contained in 49 CFR part 240), and the Tourist and Historic Railroads working group's Steam Standards task force (to revise the steam locomotive inspection and testing standards contained in 49 CFR par 230). The RSAC will also be receiving two new tasks: (1) the development of Locomotive Crew Safety standards (crashworthiness and working conditions); and (2) the development of Event Recorder Data Survivability standards.

Finally, the agency will engage in exploratory discussions with the RSAC regarding positive train control, address issues relating to recent FRA regulatory actions (Accident/Incident Reporting, Passenger Safety), discuss other regulatory and related actions before the

agency, and address several administrative matters before the RSAC.

Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 11, 1996 (61 F.R. 9740) for more information about the RSAC.

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Associate Administrator for Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-97-2581 (PDA-16(R))]

Application by New York Propane Gas Association for a Preemption Determination as to Nassau County, New York, Ordinance on Transportation of Liquefied Petroleum Gases

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

ACTION: Public notice and invitation to comment.

SUMMARY: The New York Propane Gas Association (NYPGA) has applied for an administrative determination whether Federal hazardous materials transportation law preempts certain sections of a Nassau County, New York, ordinance that require a permit for any motor vehicle used to deliver liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) within Nassau County and a "certificate of fitness" for any person who delivers LPG.

DATES: Comments received on or before July 25, 1997, and rebuttal comments received on or before September 8, 1997, will be considered before an administrative ruling is issued by RSPA's Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety. Rebuttal comments may discuss only those issues raised by comments received during the initial comment period and may not discuss new issues.

ADDRESSES: The application and all comments received may be reviewed in the Dockets Office, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Comments may be submitted to the Dockets Office at the above address. Three copies of each written comment should be submitted. Comments may also be submitted by E-mail to "rspa.counsel@rspa.dot.gov." In every case, the comment should refer to the Docket Number set forth above.