

February 13, 1998, that the required notice of its rail line acquisition was posted at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines on February 12, 1998. See 49 CFR 1150.42(e).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding 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. 33558, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Robert A. Wimbish, Esq., Rea, Cross & Auchincloss, 1707 L Street, N.W., Suite 570, Washington, DC 20036.

Decided: April 23, 1998.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33578]

#### North American Railnet, Inc.; Continuance in Control Exemption; Camas Prairie Railnet, Inc.

North American Railnet, Inc. has filed a notice of exemption to continue in control of the Camas Prairie Railnet, Inc. (CSPR), upon CSPR's becoming a Class III railroad.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after April 17, 1998.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33558, *Camas Prairie Railnet, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Camas Prairie Railroad Company, Union Pacific Railroad Company, and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway*, wherein CSPR seeks to acquire and operate a series of interconnected rail lines from the Camas Prairie Railroad Company, the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company.

Applicant controls two existing Class III railroads: Nebraska, Kansas, & Colorado Railnet, Inc., operating in the States of Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado; and Illinois RailNet, Inc., operating in the State of Illinois.

Applicant states that: (i) The rail lines to be operated by CSPR do not connect with any railroad in the corporate family; (ii) the transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect CSPR's lines with any railroad in the corporate family; and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials (Committee), authorized by 38 U.S.C. 2401, will be held Tuesday, June 23 and Wednesday, June 24, 1998, at the Handlery Hotel and Resort, 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA, 92108. This will be the committee's first meeting of the year 1998.

The purpose of the Committee is to review the administration of VA's

cemeteries and burial benefits program. On Tuesday, June 23, 1998, the meeting will convene at 2:00 p.m. (PDT) and adjourn at 7:00 p.m. (PDT). On Wednesday, June 24, 1998, the meeting will convene at 8:00 p.m. (PDT) and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. (PDT).

On Tuesday, June 23, there will be a business session at the Handlery Hotel and Resort in the Club Room. The Committee will then depart for Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, Cabrillo Memorial Drive, in the town of Point Loma, San Diego, CA 92106, for a tour and an equipment show.

On the morning of June 24, the Committee will meet at the Handlery Hotel and Resort, in the Director Room, where they will receive presentations from Ex-Officio Committee members. In the afternoon, the Committee will attend a Best Practices Panel with cemetery directors, in the Crystal Room. After the Best Practices Panel, the Committee will meet, in the Director Room, for a business session and an update briefing on National Cemetery System activities.

The meeting will be open to the public. Those wishing to attend should contact Ms. Louise Ware, Special Assistant to the Director, National Cemetery System, (phone (202) 273-7577) no later than 12 noon (EST), June 15, 1998.

Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file a statement with the Committee. Individuals wishing to appear before the Committee should indicate this in a letter to the Acting Director, National Cemetery System (40) at 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20420. In any such letters, the writers must fully identify themselves and state the organization, association or person they represent. In addition, to the extent practicable, letters should indicate the subject matter they want to discuss. Oral presentations should be limited to 10 minutes in duration. Those wishing to file written statements to be submitted to the Committee must also mail, or otherwise deliver, them to the Acting Director, National Cemetery System.

Letters and written statements as discussed above must be mailed or delivered in time to reach the Acting Director, National Cemetery System, by 12 noon (EST), June 15, 1998. Oral statements will be heard between 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. (PDT), June 24, 1998, at the Handlery Hotel.

Dated: April 23, 1998.

By Direction of the Acting Secretary.

**Heyward Bannister,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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