

required data on certification labels since appropriate people at each location have been made aware of the requirement; and

5. Dorsey has not received any complaints from customers on the omission of the metric data from the certification labels and has not received any reports of accidents which were related to the omission of the metric data.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on the application described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. It is requested that two copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated below will be considered. The application and supporting materials, and all comments received after the closing date, will also be filed and will be considered to the extent possible. When the application is granted or denied, the notice will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Comment closing date: November 2, 1998.

(49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8)

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**L. Robert Shelton,**

*Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Research and Special Programs Administration**

[Notice 98-9]

**Educational Session on Bulk Packagings for Hazardous Materials**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** RSPA will hold a public meeting to discuss the requirements in the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) applicable to the transportation of hazardous materials in certain bulk packagings, including DOT specification IM 101 and IM 102 portable tanks, intermediate bulk containers meeting UN performance standards, and DOT exemption bulk containers. All interested persons, including manufacturers, requalifiers, owners and

users of these bulk packagings are encouraged to participate.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held at the Cajun Dome, 444 Cajun Dome Boulevard, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70506.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ryan Posten, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, 20590-0001, Telephone (202) 366-8553.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The offshore oil industry uses a wide variety of bulk packagings for the transportation of hazardous materials. RSPA has received a number of inquiries from industry members in the Gulf Coast area regarding the requirements in the HMR applicable to the transportation of hazardous materials, specifically liquids in hazard classes 3 and 8, in bulk packagings. The inquiries primarily relate to the manufacture, certification, requalification, inspection and use of packagings marked as meeting the DOT IM 101 and 102 specifications for portable tanks, UN performance standards for intermediate bulk containers, or the specific requirements for packagings authorized in DOT exemptions. At the meeting, RSPA will discuss requirements in the HMR both for: (1) design construction and certification of these containers, including internal discharge valves, structural integrity, safety relief devices, and third party inspection; and (2) use of these containers, including loading, unloading, and requalification.

RSPA is conducting this public meeting as part of its continuing efforts to improve understanding of the safety requirements for the use of bulk packagings for transportation of hazardous materials.

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**Alan I. Roberts,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 33642 (Sub-No 1)]

**Kyle Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Omaha Public Power District**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** The Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, exempts from the acquisition and operation of certain rail lines described in STB Finance Docket No. 33642<sup>1</sup> to permit the acquisition and operation as agreed to by the parties pursuant to a five-year contract to expire on December 31, 2003.

**DATES:** The exemption will be effective on November 1, 1998. Petitions to reopen must be filed by October 22, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33642 (Sub-No. 1) 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 all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative: Fritz R. Kahn, Suite 750 West, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20005-3934.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph H. Dettmar (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired (202) 565-1695.]

**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., 1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 210, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 289-4357. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 565-1695.]

Decided: September 29, 1998.

<sup>1</sup> On July 27, 1998, KR filed a notice of exemption under the Board's class exemption procedures at 49 CFR 1150.41. The notice covered the agreement by Omaha Public Power District to grant to Kyle Railroad Company temporary acquisition and operation of approximately 56.75 miles of rail line between milepost 56.30 at Collegeview, and milepost 6.10 at Arbor in Lancaster and Otoe, Counties, NE. See *Kyle Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Omaha Public Power District*, STB Finance Docket No. 33642 (STB served Aug. 25, 1998). The exemption became effective and was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after August 4, 1998.