

prior to any revisions or issuance of notices of proposed rulemaking.

**DATES:** The informal airspace meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 1999, starting at 7:00 p.m. Comments must be received on or before April 3, 1999. Date: March 3, 1999. Place: Gilbert Science Center Auditorium, Augustana College, 2001 South Summit Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

**COMMENTS:** Send or deliver comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Air Traffic Division, AGL-500, Federal Aviation Administration, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines IL 60018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vinnie Vander Laan, Air Traffic Division, AGL-520, FAA, Great Lakes Regional Office, telephone (847) 294-7546.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Meeting Procedures**

The following procedures will be used to facilitate the meeting:

(a) The meeting will be informal in nature and will be conducted by a representative of the FAA Great Lakes Region. A representative from the FAA will present a formal briefing on the proposed revisions of the airspace. Each participant will be given an opportunity to deliver comments or make a presentation.

(b) The meeting will be open to all persons on a space-available basis. There will be no admission fee or other charge to attend and participate.

(c) Any person wishing to make a presentation to the FAA panel will be asked to sign in and estimate the amount of time needed for such presentation. This will permit the panel to allocate an appropriate amount of time for each presenter.

(d) The meeting will not be adjourned until everyone on the list has had an opportunity to address the panel.

(e) Position papers or other handout material relating to the substance of the meeting will be accepted. Participants wishing to submit handout material should present three copies to the presiding officer. These should be additional copies of each handout available for other attendees.

(f) The meeting will not be formally recorded. However, a summary of the comments made at the meeting will be filed in the docket.

**Agenda for the Meeting**

Opening Remarks and Discussion of Meeting Procedures.  
Briefing on Background for Proposals.  
Public Presentations.  
Closing Comments.

Issued in Des Plaines, Illinois on December 16, 1998.

**Maureen Woods,**  
Manager, Air Traffic Division.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 33700]

**The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Operation Exemption—A Line of Railroad Owned by the City of Los Angeles, CA, Through Its Board of Harbor Commissioners**

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to operate a rail line owned by the City of Los Angeles, CA, through its Board of Harbor Commissioners, a noncarrier. The 0.8-mile rail line involved in this transaction is located between milepost 17.0 and milepost 17.8, in Los Angeles, and will constitute part of the Alameda Rail Corridor (Corridor).<sup>1</sup>

The exemption became effective on December 30, 1998, but the exempted transaction is not expected to be consummated until approximately March 2002.<sup>2</sup>

BNSF and the UP will operate the rail line as part of an overall coordination of rail operations along the Corridor that will give BNSF and UP access to facilities and terminals in the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, CA.<sup>3</sup> As part of the coordination project, BNSF has concurrently filed a verified notice of exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 33701, *The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Trackage*

<sup>1</sup> See *Alameda Corridor Construction Application*, Finance Docket No. 32830 (STB served May 13, 1996).

<sup>2</sup> In order to comply with the funding requirements for the Corridor construction project, applicant states that authorization by the Board for these operating rights must be effective by December 31, 1998. Applicant notes that the segment of track involved in this proceeding is located within the Port of Los Angeles and is currently being operated by BNSF and the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) without prior Board authority pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10906. According to applicant, upon substantial completion of the Corridor, on or about March 2002, the segment of track will become part of the Corridor, and at that time, operations over the track that are authorized by this exemption will begin.

<sup>3</sup> UP has filed a separate notice of exemption to operate the line in STB Finance Docket No. 33698, *Union Pacific Railroad Company—Operation Exemption—A Line of Railroad Owned by the City of Los Angeles, CA, Through its Board of Harbor Commissioners*.

*Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railway Company*, to acquire overhead trackage rights.

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. 33700, 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 Karl Morell, Esq., Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, N.W., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

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Decided: December 30, 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. 33701]

**The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company**

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) over UP's rail line located between UP milepost 484.9 and UP milepost 500.95, in Los Angeles, CA, that constitutes a portion of the Alameda Rail Corridor (Corridor).<sup>1</sup>

The exemption became effective on December 30, 1998, but the exempted transaction is not scheduled to be consummated until approximately March 2002.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The rail line is being constructed by the City of Los Angeles and the City of Long Beach on property acquired from predecessors of BNSF and UP. See *Alameda Corridor Construction Application*, Finance Docket No. 32830 (STB served May 13, 1996).

<sup>2</sup> While Board authorization of these trackage rights must be effective by December 31, 1998 in order to comply with the funding requirements for the Corridor construction project, the trackage rights will commence upon substantial completion of the Corridor, which is currently expected to be on or about March 2002.