

required determinations, and administer any agreements executed upon approval of the loan guarantees.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours:
1750 Hours.

Addressee: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20502, attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments Are Invited On

Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Dated: August 20, 1999.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-563 (Sub-No. 1X) and STB Docket No. AB-471 (Sub-No. 2X)]

Kansas Eastern Railroad, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Butler and Greenwood Counties, KS and South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Butler and Greenwood Counties, KS

Kansas Eastern Railroad, Inc. (KER) and South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc. (SKO) have filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances* for KER to abandon and SKO to discontinue its trackage rights over a rail line between milepost 438.5, at Severy, and milepost 483.0 near Augusta, in Butler and Greenwood Counties, KS.¹ The line traverses United

¹ KER acquired the involved rail line from Burlington Northern Railroad Company as part of the transaction authorized in *Kansas Eastern Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition Exemption—Burlington Northern Railroad Company*, Finance Docket No. 33292 (ICC served Dec. 2, 1996).

States Postal Service Zip Codes 67010, 67074, 67012, 67122 and 67137.

KER and SKO have certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there has been no overhead traffic on the line during the past two years; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.*—

Abandonment—Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on September 24, 1999, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),³ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by September 7, 1999. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by September 14, 1999, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicants'

SKO's trackage rights were the subject of an exemption in *South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Kansas Eastern Railroad, Inc.*, Finance Docket No. 33293 (ICC served Dec. 2, 1996).

² The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

³ Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

representative: Karl Morell, Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F St., N.W., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005. If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

KER and SKO have filed an environmental report which addresses the effects of the abandonment and discontinuance, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by August 30, 1999. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), KER shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by KER's filing of a notice of consummation by August 25, 1999, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: August 19, 1999.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices; International Financial Institution Advisory Commission

AGENCY: Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Under section 603 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1999, the International Financial Institution Advisory Commission (the "Commission") shall advise and report to the Congress on the future role and responsibilities of the international financial institutions (defined as the

International Monetary Fund, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Development Association, International Finance Corporation, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, African Development Bank, African Development Fund, Asian Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, and Inter-American Investment Corporation), the World Trade Organization, and the Bank for International Settlements.

DATE: The first meeting of the Advisory Commission will be held on September 9, 1999, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and tentatively ending at 3:30 p.m. in room H 219 in the U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Designated Federal Official: William McFadden, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of International Monetary and Financial Policy, Room 4444, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C., 20220. Telephone number 202-622-0343, fax number (202) 622-7664.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of Meeting

The agenda tentatively includes the following:

- Welcome and introduction by Prof. Allan Meltzer, Chairman of the Committee.
- Presentation of Commission objectives by Dr. Meltzer.
- Discussion and review of preliminary research papers.
- Discussion of future meeting dates and the commissioning of further research papers.

Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. Members of the public may submit written comments. If you wish to furnish comments, please provide 16 copies of your written material to the Designated Federal Official. If you wish to have your comments distributed to members of the Commission in advance of the first meeting, 16 copies of any written material should be provided to the Designated Federal Official no later than September 2, 1999.

Dated: August 20, 1999.

William McFadden,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices

International Monetary Fund Advisor Committee

AGENCY: Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Under section 610 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1999, the Secretary of the Treasury is required to establish an International Monetary Fund Advisory Committee (the "Committee") to advise the Secretary on IMF policy.

DATES: The first meeting of the Committee will be held on September 10, 1999, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the Cash Room located on the second floor of the main Department of the Treasury building, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

The duration of the meeting will be approximately two to three hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Designated Federal Official: William McFadden, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of International Monetary and Financial Policy, Room 4444, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC, 20220. Telephone number 202-622-0343, fax number (202) 622-7664.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of Meeting

The agenda tentatively includes the following:

- Background on the establishment of the Committee.
- Discussion on promoting U.S. policy objectives in the IMF.

Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. If you wish to attend, please FAX your name, birthday, and social security number to the Designated Federal Official no later than 4 P.M., September 9, for clearance into the Treasury building. Members of the public, who have provided such information, must enter the main Treasury building at the entrance on 15th Street between F and G Streets, and

must provide a photo ID at the entrance to be admitted into the building.

Members of the public may submit written comments. If you wish to furnish such comments, please provide 16 copies of such comments to the Designated Federal Official. If you wish to have your comments distributed to members of the Committee in advance of the first meeting, 16 copies of any written material should be provided to the Designated Federal Official no later than August 27.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at meetings, contact the Designated Federal Official no later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting time.

Dated: August 19, 1999.

William McFadden,

Designated Federal Official.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "The Drawings of Annibale Carracci"

AGENCY: United States Information Agency (USIA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 8325, 22 U.S.C. 2459, Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit "The Drawings of Annibale Carracci," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed objects at the National Gallery of Art from September 26, 1999 to January 9, 2000 is in the national interest.

Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the list of exhibit objects or other information, please contact Carol Epstein, Assistant General Counsel,