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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

**Environmental Impact Statement;
Jefferson Parish, LA**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Withdrawal of Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed highway project in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana has been withdrawn. The Louisiana DOTD is not planning to pursue the project as proposed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William C. Farr, Program Operations Manager, Federal Highway Administration, 5304 Flanders Drive, Suite A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808 or Ms. Michele Deshotels, Environmental Impact Program Manager, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Section 28, P.O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9245, Telephone: (225) 929-9190.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Intent was published (**Federal Register**, Vol. 47, No. 229) to prepare and environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to extend LA-3134 from its terminus at the south end of Wagner's Ferry Bridge southwesterly through the town of Jean Lafitte crossing Bayou Barataria and terminating at LA-301 in Barataria. The proposed facility would have been a two-lane highway between 2.4 miles and 3.6 miles in length, depending upon the location. The proposed highway would have provided improved access to and from Jean Lafitte and Barataria.

Alternatives considered were: (1) No build; (2) a controlled access facility on structure; (3) a controlled access facility on embankment; and (4) upgrading LA-45 and a new bridge across Bayou Barataria between Jean Lafitte and Barataria.

There were no plans to hold a formal scoping meeting for the proposed actions. A public hearing would have been held at a convenient time and place for persons in the project area

after the Draft Environmental Impact Statement had been circulated. The hearing would have been announced through the local news media.

Comments and suggestions concerning the proposed action and the EIS were invited to be directed to the FHWA or Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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William A. Sussmann,

Division Administrator, FHWA, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. RSAC-96-1, Notice No. 20]

**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: FRA announces the next meeting of the RSAC, a Federal Advisory Committee that develops railroad safety regulations through a consensus process. The meeting will address a wide range of topics, including possible adoption of specific recommendations for regulatory action. **DATES:** The meeting of the RSAC is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. on Friday, January 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting of the RSAC will be held at The Wyndham Washington DC Hotel, 1400 M Street NW, Washington, DC, (202) 429-1700. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign language interpreters can be made available for individuals with hearing impediments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vicky McCully, RSAC Coordinator, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW, Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6305 or Grady Cothen, Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW, Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6302.

SUPPLEMENTARY 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 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8, 1999. The meeting will be held at The Wyndham Hotel, 1400 M Street, NW, Washington, DC. 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. Staff of the National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Transit Administration also participate in an advisory capacity.

During this meeting, FRA may request the RSAC to accept tasks addressing safety issues related to rail operations on the Northeast Corridor and revising the regulations governing the protection of employees engaged in the inspection, testing, repair and servicing of rolling equipment (49 CFR part 218, subpart B). FRA intends to present a Planning Task examining the issue of qualification and certification of safety-critical employees to the RSAC for consideration and acceptance.

The RSAC will be briefed on the current status of activities of RSAC working groups and task forces responsible for carrying out tasks the RSAC has accepted involving locomotive cab working conditions, positive train control, the definition of reportable "train accident", incorporation of provision for gage restraint measurement within the Track Safety Standards, and locomotive crashworthiness. The Committee may be asked to authorize mail ballot approval of one or more proposed rule documents involving these topics.

Informational briefings on general safety-related issues including Safety Assurance and Compliance Program initiatives, the findings and recommendations of the Switching Operations Fatality Analysis Working Group, Department of Transportation proposals for changes to alcohol and drug testing procedures, a recent National Transportation Safety Board recommendation on crew resource management training programs, and the proposed requirement concerning train horns at public highway-rail grade crossings, will be provided.

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

Issued in Washington, DC.

Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33841]

R.J. Corman Railroad Company/ Memphis Line—Operation Exemption—Line in Montgomery and Stewart Counties, TN

R.J. Corman Railroad Company/ Memphis Line (RJCM), a Class III common carrier by rail, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to operate an abandoned rail line extending from former milepost LF-182.50, at Zinc, TN, to former milepost LF-199.08, at Cumberland City, TN, a distance of approximately 16.58 miles in Montgomery and Stewart Counties, TN.¹ The line would connect with RJCM's existing rail line at Zinc.

The exemption became effective on December 30, 1999, 7 days after the exemption was filed.²

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. 33841, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office

¹ RJCM states that the rail line was abandoned by Seaboard Systems Railroad, Inc. (SBD) in 1984. See *Seaboard System Railroad, Inc.—Abandonment—in Houston, Stewart and Montgomery Counties, TN*, Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 84) (ICC served Oct. 5, 1983). RJCM further states that it had previously acquired the right, title and interest of CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), SBD's successor, in the abandoned rail line, as well as a short segment of the abandoned line that had been transferred by CSXT to a third party.

² RJCM's has indicated that its present and projected annual revenues exceed \$5 million and has acknowledged that the 60-day advance notice requirements of 49 CFR 1150.32(e) would appear to apply here. RJCM simultaneously filed a petition for waiver of the advance notice requirement. The purpose of the Board's rule at 49 CFR 1150.32(e) is to give advance notice of a transaction to any employees on the affected line. Because the line had been previously abandoned and there thus are no employees on the line, the rule does not apply here.

of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas J. Litwiler, Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly (Illinois), Two Prudential Plaza, 45th Floor, 180 North Stetson Avenue, Chicago, IL 60601-6710.

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Decided: January 11, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33833]

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 between Stockton, CA, in the vicinity of UP's milepost 82.3 (Fresno Subdivision), and Fresno, CA, in the vicinity of UP's milepost 207.0 (Fresno Subdivision). BNSF will operate its own trains with its own crews over UP's line under the trackage rights agreement.¹

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after January 15, 2000.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to allow BNSF to operate over an alternate line while BNSF's lines are undergoing maintenance and repair.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it contains false or

¹ On December 29, 1999, BNSF and UP filed a petition for exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 33833 (Sub-No. 1), *The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company*, wherein BNSF and UP request that the Board permit the proposed overhead trackage rights arrangement described in the present proceeding to expire on February 7, 2000. That petition will be addressed by the Board in a separate decision.

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.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33833, 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, one copy of each pleading must be served on Yolanda Grimes Brown, Esq., The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, P.O. Box 961039, Fort Worth, TX 76161-0039.

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Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs

Survey of Foreign Portfolio Investment in the United States as of March 31, 2000

AGENCY: Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of reporting requirements.

SUMMARY: By this Notice, the Department of the Treasury is informing the public that it is conducting a mandatory survey of foreign holdings of United States securities as of March 31, 2000. This Notice constitutes legal notification to all United States persons (defined below) who meet the reporting requirements set forth in this Notice that they must respond to, and comply with, this survey. United States persons who meet the reporting requirements but who do not receive a set of the survey forms and instructions should contact the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, acting as fiscal agent for the Department of the Treasury, at (212) 720-8211 to obtain a copy.

DEFINITION: A U.S. person is any individual, branch, partnership, associated group, association, estate, trust, corporation, or other organization (whether or not organized under the laws of any State), and any government (including a foreign government, the United States Government, a state,