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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From the Requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 236

Pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 235 and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), the following railroads have petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of the signal system or relief from the requirements of 49 CFR Part 236 as detailed below.

Docket No. FRA–2000–6779.

Applicant: Union Pacific Railroad Company, Mr. Phil Abaray, Chief Engineer—Signals, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 1000, Omaha, Nebraska 68179–1000.

Union Pacific Railroad Company seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the traffic control system, on the No. 3 main track, between C.P. 005, milepost 4.9 and C.P. 007, milepost 7.1, at East Los Angeles, California, consisting of the discontinuance and removal of controlled signal 3E, near milepost 5.9.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that signal 3E is a controlled leaving signal, and train crews are required to call the dispatcher to clear the signal, causing unnecessary delay to operations, radio traffic, and dispatcher activity.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and contain a concise statement of the interest of the Protestant in the proceeding. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.

All communications concerning this proceeding should be identified by the docket number and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PI–401, Washington, D.C. 20590–0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by the FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.) at DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PI–401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590–0001. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the internet at the docket facility's Web site at *http://dms.dot.gov.*

FRA expects to be able to determine these matters without an oral hearing. However, if a specific request for an oral hearing is accompanied by a showing that the party is unable to adequately present his or her position by written statements, an application may be set for public hearing.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Federal Invention Available for Licensing and Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Federally owned invention U.S. Patent No. 5,909,786, issued June 8, 1999, entitled ''Apparatus and Method for Reducing Fiber Waste by Lint Cleaners'' is available for licensing and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Continental Eagle Corporation, of Prattville, Alabama, an exclusive license to Serial No. 09/107,799.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 4–1158, Beltsville, Maryland 20705–5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301–504–5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention is assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Continental Eagle Corporation has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within ninety (90) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard M. Parry, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Federal Invention Available for Licensing and Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability and Intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a Federally owned invention, U.S. Patent No. Re. 35,460, a reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,233,090, entitled ''Method for Fiber Loading a Chemical Compound'' is available for licensing and that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, intends to grant to Voith Sulzer Paper Technology North America Inc., of Appleton, Wisconsin, an exclusive license for U.S. Patent No. Re. 35,460.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA Forest Service, One Gifford Pinchot Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53705–2398.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet I. Stockhausen of the USDA Forest Service at the Madison address given above; telephone: 608–231–9502.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Voith Sulzer Paper Technology North America Inc. has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C.