

applicable to consumer commodities, (5) Harmonized requirements for compressed gas cylinders, (6) Classification of individual substances, (7) Requirements for bulk and non-bulk packagings used to transport hazardous materials, (8) Requirements for the transport of Ammonium Nitrate Emulsions and (9) Hazard communication requirements including harmonized shipping paper requirements.

The public is invited to attend without prior notification.

#### Documents

Copies of documents for the UNCOE meeting may be obtained by downloading them from the United Nations Transport Division's web site at <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgcomm/dgcomm.html>. Information concerning UN dangerous goods meetings including agendas can be downloaded at <http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/meetings.htm#ST/SG>. These sites may also be accessed through RSPA's Hazardous Materials Safety Homepage at <http://hazmat.dot.gov/intstandards.htm>. RSPA's site also provides information regarding the UNCOE and SCOE and related matters such as a summary of decisions taken at the 18th session of the UNSCOE, meeting dates and a summary of the primary topics which the UNCOE plans to address.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 14, 2000.

**Robert A. McGuire,**

*Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.*

[FR Doc. 00-29573 Filed 11-17-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-60-M

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33954]

#### Hollis & Eastern Railroad Company, a Delaware Corporation—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Hollis & Eastern Railroad Company, an Oklahoma Corporation

Hollis & Eastern Railroad Company (Applicant), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate the railroad line of Hollis & Eastern Railroad Company (Target) between Duke, OK, at milepost 0, and the Wichita, Tillman & Jackson Ry. Co. line, at milepost 14,

located approximately 14 miles to the east.<sup>1</sup>

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or about November 9, 2000. The earliest the transaction could be consummated was November 7, 2000, 7 days after the exemption was filed.

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. 33954, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office 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 Bryan Bishop, Esq., Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP, 2200 Ross Avenue, Suite 2200, Dallas, TX 75201.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: November 13, 2000.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

[FR Doc. 00-29651 Filed 11-17-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4915-00-P

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Bureau of Transportation Statistics

#### Grant Program for Research and Development in the Field of Transportation Statistics

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Transportation Statistics, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Transportation Statistics supports its goal of advancing the field of transportation statistics through the Transportation Statistics Research Grants program. This notice solicits applications for projects that (1)

<sup>1</sup> Target, an Oklahoma corporation, is a 99.3%-owned subsidiary of Republic Gypsum Company. Applicant, a Delaware corporation, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Target. Target will, pursuant to Oklahoma and Delaware law, merge into Applicant with Applicant being the surviving corporation. Following the mergers, Applicant will be converted to a Delaware limited liability company. As a result, the state of incorporation of Target will be changed from Oklahoma to Delaware, and Target will be changed to a Delaware limited liability company.

support the development of the field of transportation statistics; and/or (2) involve research or development in transportation statistics. It outlines the purpose, goals, and general procedures for application and award. For FY 2001, BTS will make available up to \$500,000 in grant funds to eligible organizations.

**DATES:** For BTS to consider your application, we must receive it by January 19, 2000, at 5 P.M. Eastern Standard Time. Applications received after January 19, 2000, will be held for the next cycle, which is anticipated to be every six to twelve months, unless you request in writing that your application be returned.

**ADDRESSES:** You must send six copies of the application package to the BTS Grants Program, Room 3430, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Promod Chandhok, Office of Statistical Programs and Services, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Room 3430, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590; phone (202) 366-2158; fax: (202) 366-3640; e-mail: [promod.chandhok@bts.gov](mailto:promod.chandhok@bts.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background—Advancing the Discipline of Transportation Statistics

The purpose of this grant program is to provide financial assistance to eligible organizations to help advance the discipline of transportation statistics. These grants are authorized by section 5109 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) (Pub. L. 105-178 (1998), codified at 49 U.S.C. 111(g)). BTS anticipates awarding up to \$500,000 per year in grants for projects that (1) support development of the field of transportation statistics; and/or (2) advance research or development in transportation statistics.

BTS is an operating administration within the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Its mission is to lead in developing transportation data and information of high quality, and to advance their effective use in public and private transportation decision-making. In accomplishing this mission, BTS works to improve six key attributes of transportation data and analysis—quality, comparability, completeness, timeliness, relevance, and utility.

Our ultimate goal is to make transportation better—to enhance safety, mobility, economic growth, the human and natural environment, and national security (the five strategic goals of the