

expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, these exemptions will be effective on December 26, 2000, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by December 4, 2000. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by December 14, 2000, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicants' representatives: James P. Gatlin, General Attorney, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179; and Richard A. Allen, Zuckert Scouff & Rasenberger, LLP, 888 17th Street, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20006. If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

UP and AGCR 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 December 1, 2000. 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), UP 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

UP's filing of a notice of consummation by November 24, 2001, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: November 15, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Domestic Finance

Notice of Open Meeting of the Advisory Committee, U.S. Community Adjustment and Investment Program

The Department of the Treasury, pursuant to the North American Free Trade Agreement ("NAFTA") Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182) (the "Act"), established an advisory committee (the "Advisory Committee") for the community adjustment and investment program (the "Program") authorized by the Act. The Program provides financing to create or preserve jobs in communities adversely impacted by NAFTA. The charter of the Advisory Committee has been filed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (Pub. L. 92-463), with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Advisory Committee consists of eight members of the public, appointed by the President, who collectively represent: (1) Community groups whose constituencies include low-income families; (2) scientific, professional, business, nonprofit, or public interest organizations or associations, which are neither affiliated with, nor under the direction of, a government; and (3) for-profit business interests.

The objectives of the Advisory Committee are to: (1) Provide informed advice to the President regarding the implementation of the Program; and (2) review on a regular basis, the operation of the Program, and provide the President with the conclusions of its review. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 12916, dated May 13, 1994, the President established an interagency Finance Committee to implement the Program and to receive, on behalf of the President, advice of the Advisory Committee. The Finance Committee is chaired by the Secretary of the Treasury or his designated representative.

A meeting of the Advisory Committee, which will be open to the public, will be held in Washington, D.C. at the Marriott Hotel at Metro Center, 775 12th Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20005 (Tel. 202-737-2200) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2000. The exact location of the meeting room will be posted in the hotel lobby on the day of the meeting. The meeting room will accommodate approximately 50 persons and seating is available on a first-come, first-serve basis, unless space has been reserved in advance. Due to limited seating, prospective attendees are encouraged to contact the person listed below prior to December 5, 2000.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the operations of the Program, and to provide the Finance Committee with advice regarding the conclusions of its review and other implementation issues. Specifically, the meeting would review the recent status of, and anticipated activities of, the three Program components, namely, the federal agency program, the direct loan program, and the grant program.

If you would like to have the Advisory Committee consider a written statement, material must be submitted to the U.S. Community Adjustment and Investment Program, Advisory Committee, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 5017, Washington, D.C. 20220 no later than December 5, 2000. If you have any questions, please call Jean Whaley at (202) 622-0741 (Please note that this telephone number is not toll-free.)

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Deputy Assistant Secretary, Government Financial Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ACTION: Notice of amendment to system of records.

SUMMARY: The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552(e)(4)) requires that all agencies publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of the existence and character of their systems of records. Notice is hereby given that VA is amending the system of records currently entitled "Decentralized Hospital Computer Program (DHCP) Medical Management Records" (79VA162) as set forth in the

¹ 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.

² 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).