

412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the applications.

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Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

PTC31 SOUTH 0108 dated 25 May 2001

South Pacific (except New Zealand-USA) Resolution r1-r31

Minutes—PTC31 SOUTH 0109 dated 8 June 2001

Tables—PTC31 SOUTH 0026 Fares dated 15 June 2001

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Dorothy Y. Beard,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Application for Certificates

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) during the week ending June 22, 2001. The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 301.201 *et seq.*). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period, DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: OST-2001-9984.

Date Filed: June 21, 2001.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: July 12, 2001.

Description: Application of Delta Air Lines, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Sections 41102 and 41108, and subpart

B, requesting a new or amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, authorizing Delta to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between New York's Kennedy International Airport (JFK) and Buenos Aires, Argentina, and for allocation of seven (7) U.S.-Argentina Frequencies that become available on December 1, 2001.

Dorothy Y. Beard,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Rockland County, New York

AGENCY: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the New York State Thruway Authority/Canal Corporation (NYSTA), and the New York Department of Transportation (DOT)

ACTION: Revised notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA, NYSTA and DOT announce the termination of the preparation of an environmental impact statement for the proposed Rockland County to Manhattan Ferry Project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Arnold, Division Administrator, FHWA, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, Room 719, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207, Telephone (518) 431-4127; Philip J. Clark, Director, Design Division, NYSDOT, Main Office, 1220 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12232, Telephone (518) 457-6452; John T. Brizzell, Deputy Executive Director/Chief Engineer, NYS Thruway Authority/Canal Corporation, 200 Southern Boulevard, Albany, New York 12209, Telephone (518) 436-2811.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1996, FHWA, NYSTA and DOT initiated an environmental review of the construction of landside facilities in Rockland County to support a high-speed ferry service between Rockland County and Manhattan.

A public scoping meeting was held on September 30, 1996 at Hyack High School, 360 Christian Herald Road, Upper Nyack, NY from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The scoping meeting provided information about the proposed project and allowed the public the opportunity to identify issues and concerns they believed should be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Comments and

suggestions were invited from all interested parties.

At present, FHWA, NYSTA and DOT will not exercise the option to prepare the draft EIS and are terminating the environmental review of the proposed action. This decision assumes that landside facilities to support a high speed ferry service between Rockland County and Manhattan would not be constructed by the project sponsors.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 23 CFR 771.123

Issued on: June 27, 2001.

David W. Nardone,

Senior Operations Engineer, New York Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34065]

Ellis & Eastern Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has agreed to grant limited local trackage rights¹ to Ellis & Eastern Company (EE) over BNSF's rail line from approximately milepost 141.7 near Sioux Falls, SD, to approximately milepost 134.0 near Corson, SD, a distance of approximately 7.7 miles.²

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after July 2, 2001.³

The purpose of the trackage rights is to enable EE to provide rail service to a new facility of its parent company, Sweetman Construction Company.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and*

¹ The trackage rights agreement is a supplemental agreement to the Basic Agreement, dated November 10, 1989, between BNSF's predecessor, the Burlington Northern Railroad Company, and EE. See *Ellis & Eastern Company—Acquisition, Operation, Joint Relocation Project, and Trackage Rights Exemption—Brandon-Ellis, SD*, Finance Docket No. 32506 (STB served Mar. 11, 1996).

² A redacted version of the Supplemental Trackage Rights Agreement between BNSF and EE was filed with the notice of exemption. An unredacted version of the agreement, as required by 49 CFR 1180.6(a)(7)(ii), was concurrently filed under seal along with a motion for a protective order. That motion has been granted in a separate decision and a protective order in this proceeding is being served on July 3, 2001.

³ EE states that it anticipates that it will exercise the above-described trackage rights in the Spring of 2002, but will in no event exercise the trackage rights prior to July 2, 2001.

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 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. 34065, 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, one copy of each pleading must be served on Rose-Michele Weinryb, Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 19th Street, NW., Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1609.

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

Decided: June 29, 2001.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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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: Announcement of grant program.

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) 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 this cycle, BTS will make available up to approximately \$200,000 in grant funds to eligible organizations.

DATES: For BTS to consider your application, we must receive it by August 31, 2001, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Applications received after August 31, 2001, 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.

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) (Public Law 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 a separate operating organization 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 Department of Transportation). BTS's role in this goal is to put together data and information that others need to make decisions concerning transportation. We collect data and compile, analyze, and publish statistics. Many others, both within and outside DOT, are involved in building this knowledge base and BTS could not do it alone.

While there are many excellent transportation data programs and many

excellent statistics programs, few are devoted to the intersection of these two disciplines. Bringing a better understanding of statistics to transportation data will improve data quality, increase utility (e.g., by improving measures of travel), and reduce costs (e.g., by using techniques to make data collection, analysis, and dissemination more efficient). BTS wants to foster the transportation statistics discipline and increase its quality and usefulness to the transportation community. This grants program is one way BTS is working toward this goal.

II. Eligibility Requirements

What Organizations May Apply?

BTS invites applications from public and private non-profit institutions of higher education. We strongly encourage Minority Serving Institutions, which have been traditionally under-represented in transportation statistics, to submit applications. If organizations partner on a project, the participants should submit a single application. You may submit more than one application as long as the applications are for separate and distinct projects.

What Projects Are Eligible for Funding?

For this cycle we are particularly interested in proposals on:

1. The development of techniques and pattern analyses that apply modern methods of biostatistical risk assessment to data on transportation injuries or fatalities;
2. The exploration of fresh ideas for the measurement of VMT (vehicle miles traveled) or AADT (average annual daily traffic)—new technology can be a component of this proposal, but it should also incorporate innovative statistical ideas for sampling and/or estimation; and
3. The application of small area estimation techniques to transportation.

What Are the Cost Sharing Requirements?

For awards of \$100,000 or more, the recipient shall fund at least 50 percent of the project's costs. The nonfederal match must come from sources other than the project sponsor, and must be cash contributions rather than in-kind contributions. In reviewing all applications, even those requesting less than \$100,000, the degree of cost-sharing will be considered, with more weight given to cash contributions than in-kind services.

III. Application Contents

For more information about sending your application, please refer to the