

the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

### Austin and Texas Central Railroad

[Docket Number FRA-2000-7366]

Austin and Texas Central Railroad of Cedar Park, Texas seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from the requirements of 49 CFR Part 223 (Safety Glazing Standards) for two diesel-electric locomotives, ACTX 442 and ACTX 443. The subjects of this petition are Model RSD-15 locomotives built by American Locomotive Company (Alco) in 1960.

These locomotives are used on 151.4 miles of Capitol Metropolitan Transit Authority-owned class 1 and 2 track. Operation on this line includes excursion and freight service. There are two crossings of other railroads and 296 highway/rail grade crossings. Primary use is between milepost 54.5 at Austin, Texas, and milepost 115.0 at Burnet, Texas. The railroad proposes to make any glazing repairs that may become necessary with certified glazing, if it is mechanically possible without alterations to the structure or function of the locomotives.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written reviews, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number, (e.g., Docket Number FRA-2000-7366) and must be submitted to the DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Communications received within 45 days from the date of this notice will be considered by 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 a.m.-5 p.m.) at the above facility. 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>.

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*Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket Nos. NHTSA-2001-9628 and NHTSA-2001-9630]

#### Re-opening of Comment Period on Whether Nonconforming 2001 Ferrari 360 and 550 Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Re-opening of comment periods.

**SUMMARY:** On May 21, 2001, we published notices of receipt of petitions nos. 484 and 485 for decisions that nonconforming 2001 Ferrari 360 and 550 passenger cars are eligible for importation into the United States. These notices are contained in notice documents 01-12728 and 01-12732, which were published in the **Federal Register** on May 21, 2001, at 66 FR 28020 and 66 FR 28025, respectively.

The purpose of this Notice is to notify the public that NHTSA is providing additional time within which any comment may be submitted in relation to these import eligibility petitions. This re-opening of the comment periods is based on requests that NHTSA received from Fiat Auto R&D U.S.A., a division of Alfa Romeo Inc., and Ferrari North America Inc., on June 27, 2001, and June 29, 2001, respectively, which was after the comment periods' original closing date of June 20, 2001. The comment periods for 2 petition nos. 484 and 485 for import eligibility regarding nonconforming 2001 Ferrari 360 and 550 passenger cars are now re-opened until August 10, 2001.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 10, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are to be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. (Docket hours are from 9 am to 5 pm). It is requested but not required that 10 copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be considered, and will be available for examination in the docket at the above address both before and after that date. To the extent possible, comments filed after the

closing date will also be considered. Notice of final action on the petition will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

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**Marilynne Jacobs,**

*Director, Office of Vehicle Safety, Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-318 (Sub-No. 5X)]

#### Louisiana & Delta Railroad, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Iberia Parish, LA

Louisiana & Delta Railroad, Inc. (Applicant) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 3.08-mile portion of the Salt Mine Branch line of railroad between milepost 6.72 and milepost 9.8 in Iberia Parish, LA.<sup>1</sup> The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 70513.

Applicant has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there has been no overhead traffic on the line in the last 2 years; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment and discontinuance shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected

<sup>1</sup> The Atchafalaya Basin Program, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) filed a request for issuance of a notice of interim trail use for the entire line pursuant to section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d). The Board will address the DNR's trail use request, and any others that may be filed, in a subsequent decision.

employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on August 25, 2001, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>2</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>3</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by August 6, 2001. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by August 15, 2001, 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 applicant's representative: Eric M. Hocky, Gollatz, Griffin & Ewing, P.C., 213 West Miner Street, P.O. Box 796, West Chester, PA 19381-0796.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

Applicant has filed an environmental report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment and discontinuance on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by July 31, 2001. 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), Applicant shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned its line. If consummation has not been effected by Applicant's filing of a notice of consummation by July 26, 2002, and

there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: July 18, 2001.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 180X)]

#### Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Shawnee County, KS

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights* to abandon a 1.07-mile line of railroad over the Topeka Industrial Lead from milepost 406.53 to milepost 407.60 in Topeka, Shawnee County, KS. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 66607 and 66612.

UP has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic moving over the line; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment and discontinuance shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be

effective on August 25, 2001, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by August 6, 2001. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by August 15, 2001, 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 applicant's representative: Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920, Chicago, IL 60606.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

UP has filed an environmental report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment and discontinuance on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by July 31, 2001. 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 its line. If consummation has not been effected by UP's filing of a notice of consummation by July 26, 2002, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 (SEA) 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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).

<sup>2</sup> 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 (SEA) 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.

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