

guidelines to OMB, as well as the October 1, 2002 deadline for issuance of final guidelines to OMB, the Department will not be able to extend the comment period for the requested length of time. However, in order to provide the public some additional time to review and send comments to us, the Department will extend the comment period for an additional two weeks. The closing date for the extended comment period will be June 17, 2002.

Instructions for filing comments may also be found in the guidelines document posted on the Department's DMS Web site. The Department will review all comments submitted in response to its draft guidelines. The comments will be available for public review on the DMS Web site.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 30, 2002.

Eugene K. Taylor, Jr.,

Deputy CIO, Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34068]

Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company, Douglas M. Head, Charles H. Clay, Kent P. Shoemaker and William F. Drusch—Continuance in Control Exemption—Minnesota Prairie Line, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board grants an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502, from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323-25, for Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company, a Class III rail common carrier, and Douglas M. Head, Charles H. Clay, Kent P. Shoemaker and William F. Drusch, all noncarrier individuals (collectively Petitioners) to continue in control of Minnesota Prairie Line, Inc.

DATES: This exemption will be effective July 6, 2002. Petitions to stay must be filed by June 21, 2002, and petitions to reopen must be filed by July 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of pleadings referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34068 to: Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of pleadings to petitioners' representative: Jo A. DeRoche, Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 19th

Street, NW Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1609.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: Dã 2 Dã Legal Copy Service, 1925 K Street, NW., Suite 405, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 293-7776. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD Services 1-800-877-8339.]

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Decided: May 30, 2002.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Burkes.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 614X)]

**CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in
Richmond County, GA**

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 1.60 miles of railroad from Valuation Station 0+00 at milepost ANS 0.2 to Valuation Station 84+44, in Augusta, Richmond County, GA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 30901.

CSXT has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on 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 these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the

abandonment or 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, these exemptions will be effective on July 6, 2002, 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 June 17, 2002. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by June 26, 2002, with: Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicants' representative: Natalie S. Rosenberg, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

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

CSXT has filed an environmental report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by June 11, 2002. 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) 565-1552. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-877-8339.] 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), CSXT shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority

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 (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.

² Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which, as of April 8, 2002, is set at \$1,100. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by CSXT's filing of a notice of consummation by June 6, 2003, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: May 31, 2002.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Expansion of National Customs Automation Program Test of Semi-Monthly Statement Processing to Additional Ports of Entry

AGENCY: Customs Service, Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces Customs plans to expand for current participants the testing of the semi-monthly filing and statement processing program (semi-monthly processing) to seven additional ports of entry, and invites those participants to file their statements at these additional ports. The expansion of this National Customs Automation Program test to the additional ports will enable Customs to more fully evaluate the national effect of this program for its final integration into the Automated Commercial Environment. The test is not being opened for new participants.

For the convenience of participants in this program test, this notice lists all the ports of entry—both existing and the additions—where participants may file their entry summaries and make payment of duties, taxes, and fees owed.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Current participants will be able to file semi-monthly statements at the additional ports of entry July 8, 2002; however, participants will need to notify the Entry Branch Supervisor at each additional port of entry to arrange for an exact start date and to receive any additional instructions. Evaluations of the semi-monthly processing at all the ports identified will continue to be conducted periodically.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: For inquiries regarding the ports of entry added to the semi-monthly processing prototype

contact Debbie Scott, Entry and Drawback Management Team, (202) 927-1962.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Title VI of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (the Act), Pub. L. 103-182, 107 Stat. 2057 (December 8, 1993), contains provisions pertaining to Customs Modernization (107 Stat. 2170). Subtitle B of Title VI establishes the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP)—an automated and electronic system for the processing of commercial importations. Pursuant to these provisions, Customs is developing a new commercial processing system, the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). The ACE is being designed to support the new Trade Compliance processes. One of the main features of the ACE will be the periodic summary filing and periodic statements function, which will enable each account to pay duties, taxes, fees, and other payments owed using a periodic statement cycle. Periodic summary filing and statement functional capabilities eventually will be fully integrated into the new ACE system. Semi-monthly processing using the current Automated Commercial System (ACS) will eventually cease as the ACE system is deployed nationwide.

For programs designed to evaluate existing and planned components of the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP), § 101.9(b) of the Customs Regulations (19 CFR 101.9(b)) implements the NCAP testing procedures. As the periodic summary filing and periodic statements function (semi-monthly filing and statement processing prototype) concerns an existing component of the NCAP relating to the electronic payment of duties, fees, and taxes, the semi-monthly processing test was established pursuant to that regulation. See, the **Federal Register** Notice published March 30, 1998 (63 FR 15259) for a fuller explanation of this test.

When initially established in 1998, the semi-monthly filing and statement processing prototype (semi-monthly processing) was implemented at only 14 ports of entry and it was stated in the **Federal Register** Notice that the testing of this prototype would be implemented over an 18-month period and would end when the periodic payment/statement feature of ACE is available. To date, the ACE is not fully implemented, and the testing of the semi-monthly processing prototype is incomplete. The reasons for these developments are many: the continuing reorganization of Customs, budgeting difficulties, the occurrence of

other national events, which has occasioned a shifting of Customs priorities, etc. Regarding the locations where semi-monthly processing are currently authorized to be filed, evaluations of the prototype conducted to date with participants show a concern that the prototype testing should be expanded to additional ports, so that the national effect of this program can be fully gauged. Accordingly, Customs is announcing in this document that seven new ports of entry will be authorized so that current participants may file their entry summaries and make payment of duties, taxes, and fees owed. The seven new ports of entry are located at: Dallas, Texas; Houston, Texas; Indianapolis, Indiana; Jacksonville, Florida; Memphis, Tennessee; Norfolk, Virginia; and Savannah, Georgia.

Current participants will be able to file semi-monthly statements at any of these additional ports 30 days after this Notice is published in the **Federal Register**. However, participants will need to notify the Entry Branch Supervisor at each additional port of entry to arrange for an exact start date and to receive any additional instructions. It is noted that the test is not being opened for new participants. Evaluations of the semi-monthly processing at all the ports identified will continue to be conducted periodically.

For the convenience of participants in this program test, this notice summarily lists, alphabetically by State, all the ports of entry—both existing and the additions—eligible for the semi-monthly processing prototype:

In California, the ports at Los Angeles-Long Beach and San Francisco-Oakland;

In Florida, the ports at Jacksonville and Miami;

In Georgia, the ports at Atlanta and Savannah;

In Illinois, the port at Chicago;

In Indiana, the port at Indianapolis;

In Michigan, the ports at Detroit and Port Huron;

In New York, the ports at Buffalo-Niagara Falls and New York;

In Ohio, the port at Cleveland;

In South Carolina, the port at Charleston;

In Tennessee, the port at Memphis;

In Texas, the ports at Dallas-Fort Worth, El Paso, Houston-Galveston, and Laredo;

In Virginia, the port at Norfolk-Newport News; and

In Washington, the port at Puget Sound.

Customs requests that participants be active in the evaluation of the semi-monthly test.