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Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA-2003-14566.

Petitioner: Boeing Netjets Charter Company, L. L. C.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 25.813(c).

Description of Relief Sought: Boeing Netjets Charter Company, L. L. C. (BNJC, L. L. C.), an on-demand 14 CFR part 135 charter operator, which also conducts operations under 14 CFR part 91, has requested that it be allowed to engage in for-hire charter operations with a door between passenger compartments on the BBJ airplane (Boeing Model 737-700IGW) equipped with an executive interior with 19 or less passenger seats. This relief is similar to relief previously granted to the Boeing Company under Exemption Nos. 6820 and 6820A for airplanes not operated for hire or common carriage.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application 03-07-C-00-ESC To Impose and Use the Revenue from a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Delta County Airport, Escanaba, MI

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Delta County Airport under the provisions of the 49 U.S.C. 401176 and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Detroit Airports District Office, Willow Run Airport, East, 8820 Beck Road Belleville, Michigan 48111. The application may be reviewed in person at this location.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Richard Severson, Airport Manager, Delta County Airport at the following address: Delta County Airport, 3300 Airport Road, Escanaba, Michigan 49829.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Delta County under section 158.23 of part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Arlene B. Draper, Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Detroit Airports District Office, Willow Run Airport, East, 8820 Beck Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111 (734-487-7282). The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Delta County Airport under the provisions of the 49 U.S.C. 401117 and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On March 5, 2003, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by Delta County was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, not later than June 27, 2003.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

Proposed charge effective date: March 1, 2004.

Proposed charge expiration date: December 31, 2006.

Level of the proposed PFC for new impose/use: \$4.50.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$54,500.

Brief description of proposed projects:

Impose and Use at the \$4.50: Expand Terminal Parking Lot and Relocate Airport Access Road.

Use Only at the \$3.00 Level: Construct Runway Safety Area for Runway 9.

Class or classes of air carriers, which the public agency has requested to be required to collect PFCs: Air Taxi and Charters.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at Delta County.

Issued in Des Plaines, Illinois, on March 17, 2003.

Mark McClardy,

Manager, Planning and Programming Branch, Airports Division, Great Lakes Region

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket Nos. AB-565 (Sub-No. 14X) and AB-55 (Sub-No. 629X)]

New York Central Lines, LLC—Abandonment Exemption and CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Montgomery and Schenectady Counties, NY

New York Central Lines, LLC (NYC) and CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) have filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuance of Service* for NYC to abandon and CSXT to discontinue service over approximately 6.3 miles of railroad from milepost QGW 159.6 to milepost QGW 165.9, between South Amsterdam in Montgomery County and Rotterdam Junction in Schenectady County, NY. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 12010 and 12150.

NYC and CSXT have 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 this exemption, 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 April 24, 2003, 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 April 4, 2003. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by April 14, 2003, with: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001.

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 exemptions are void *ab initio*.

NYC and CSXT have 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 March 28, 2003. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1552. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) 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), NYC 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 NYC's filing of a notice of consummation by March 25, 2004, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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 OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,100. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: March 18, 2003.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission will meet on April 2-4, 2003, at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. The sessions on April 2-4 will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day and end by 4 p.m. on April 2, by 5 p.m. on April 3, and by 12 noon on April 4. The meetings are open to the public.

The purpose of the Commission is to conduct an external assessment of VA's capital asset needs and to assure that stakeholder and beneficiary concerns are fully addressed. The Commission will consider recommendations prepared by VA's Under Secretary for Health, veterans service organizations, individual veterans, Congress, medical school affiliates, VA employees, local government entities, community groups and others. Following its assessment, the Commission will make specific recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the realignment and allocation of capital assets necessary to meet the demands for veterans health care services over the next 20 years.

The April meeting is the third meeting of the Commission. On the morning of April 2, there will be a detailed briefing and discussion of how the Market Planning Template was applied in the solution planning process. On the afternoon of April 2, a status report on the reviews of the CARES Model will be presented. Also, on the afternoon of April 2 and continued on April 3, there will be briefings on the issues facing nursing and medical school affiliations with VA facilities, such as the impact of changes in resident work hour requirements, and the interplay with VA Community

Based Outpatient Clinics. On April 3, there will also be a briefing and discussion of the CARES Planning Initiatives and adherence to Planning Guidance. On April 4, the Commission will receive briefings from stakeholders and other governmental offices.

No time will be allocated at these meetings for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, interested persons may either attend or file statements with the Commission.

Written statements may be filed either before the meeting or within 10 days after the meeting and addressed to: Department of Veterans Affairs, CARES Commission (OOCARES), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing additional information should contact Mr. Richard E. Larson, Executive Director, CARES Commission, at (202) 501-2000.

Dated: March 18, 2003.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

President's Task Force To Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9, 2003, beginning at 9 a.m. and adjourning at 5 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Horizon Ballroom of the Ronald Reagan Building International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans is to:

(a) Identify ways to improve benefits and services for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) beneficiaries and Department of Defense (DoD) military retirees who are also eligible for benefits from VA, through better coordination of the activities of the two departments;

(b) Identify opportunities to remove barriers that impede VA and DoD coordination, including budgeting processes, timely billing, cost accounting, information technology, and reimbursement; and