

Essex Counties, VT.<sup>1</sup> The line traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 05819, 05824, and 05906.

TSRR 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 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 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 October 6, 2004, 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 September 13,

<sup>1</sup> The subject line is a portion of TSRR's line that extends between St. Johnsbury, VT, and Whitefield, NH (TSRR line). TSRR notes that related to this matter is a line of railroad that is owned by the State of Vermont and was operated by Lamoille Valley Railroad Company (LVRC) that extends between Swanton, VT, and St. Johnsbury, VT (LVRC line). The TSRR line and the LVRC line connected at St. Johnsbury and comprised a continuous corridor from Swanton to Whitefield. The LVRC line was recently authorized for abandonment. See *Lamoille Valley Railroad Company—Abandonment and Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption—in Caledonia, Washington, Orleans, Lamoille, and Franklin Counties, VT*, STB Docket No. AB-444 (Sub-No. 1X) (STB served Jan. 16, 2004).

<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.

<sup>3</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,100. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

2004. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by September 23, 2004, 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 TSRR's representative: David H. Anderson, Esq., 288 Littleton Road, Suite 21, Westford, MA 01886.

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

TSRR 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 September 10, 2004. 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) 565-1539. (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), TSRR 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 TSRR's filing of a notice of consummation by September 3, 2005, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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

Decided: August 27, 2004. 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

#### Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

This notice announces, pursuant to section 10(A)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Public Law 72-363; 5 U.S.C. app. 2), a meeting of the BTS Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics (ACTS). The meeting will be held on September 27, 2004, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The meeting will take place at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington DC, on the 3rd Floor, in Conference Room 3200 of the Nassif Building.

The ACTS, established under section 6007 of Public Law 102-240, Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, December 18, 1991, and chartered on June 19, 1995, was created to advise the Director of BTS on transportation statistics and analyses, including whether or not the statistics and analysis disseminated by the BTS are of high quality and are based upon the best available objective information.

The following is a summary of the meeting's agenda: (1) Introductions and Opening Remarks; (2) Program Update; (3) General Discussion of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA) proposal; (4) Review of BTS response to TRB Special Report 277 (Measuring Personal Travel and Goods Movement); (5) Commodity Flow Survey; (6) National Household Travel Survey; (7) Update on BTS' Indexes; (8) General Discussion; and (9) Public Comments and Closing Remarks.

Since access to the DOT building is controlled, all persons who plan to attend the meeting must notify Ms. Phyllis Seville, the Committee Management Officer at (202) 366-9510 prior to September 24, 2004. Individuals attending the meeting must report to the SW Lobby of the Nassif Building for admission to the building. Attendance is open to the public, but limited space is available. With the approval of the Chair, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Non-committee members wishing to present oral statements or obtain information should also contact Ms. Seville.

Questions about the agenda or written comments may be submitted by U.S. Mail to: U.S. Department of Transportation, BTS, Attention: Robert A. Monniere, Room 3103, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590 or faxed to (202) 366-3640. BTS requests that written comments be submitted prior to the meeting.

Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Ms. Seville at (202) 366-9510 at least

seven calendar days prior to the meeting.

Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with the FACA and the General Service Administration regulations (41 CFR part 102-3) covering management of Federal advisory committees.

Issued in Washington, DC, on the 27th day of August, 2004.

**Rick Kowalewski,**

*Deputy Director, Bureau of Transportation Statistics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### **Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Multilingual Initiative (MLI) Issue Committee Will be Conducted (Via Teleconference)**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Multilingual Initiative (MLI) Issue Committee will be conducted (via teleconference). The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Friday, September 17, 2004, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. e.d.t.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Inez E. De Jesus at 1-888-912-1227, or 954-423-7977.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Multilingual Initiative Issue Committee will be held Friday, September 17, 2004, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. e.d.t. via a telephone conference call. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please call

1-888-912-1227 or 954-423-7977, or write Inez E. De Jesus, TAP Office, 1000 South Pine Island Rd., Suite 340, Plantation, FL 33324. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with Inez E. De Jesus. Ms. De Jesus can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 954-423-7977, or post comments to the Web site: <http://www.improveirs.org>.

The agenda will include the following: various IRS issues.

Dated: August 30, 2004.

**Bernard Coston,**

*Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.*

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