

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Ex Parte No. 657]

Rail Rate Challenges Under the Stand-Alone Cost Methodology**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (Board) will hold a public hearing beginning at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at its offices in Washington, DC, to provide interested persons an opportunity to express their views on the subject of rail rate challenges under the stand-alone cost (SAC) methodology. Persons wishing to speak at the hearing should notify the Board in writing. This notice reschedules a public hearing originally planned for March 24, 2005, as described in a notice published on February 23, 2005 (70 FR 8874).

DATES: The public hearing will take place on Tuesday, April 26, 2005. Any person wishing to speak at the hearing should file with the Board a written notice of intent to participate, and should indicate a requested time allotment, as soon as possible but no later than April 15, 2005. Each speaker should also file with the Board his/her written testimony by April 20, 2005. Written submissions by interested persons who do not wish to appear at the hearing will also be due by April 20, 2005.

ADDRESSES: All notices of intent to participate and testimony may be submitted either via the Board's e-filing format or in the traditional paper format. Any person using e-filing should comply with the Board's <http://www.stb.dot.gov> Web site, at the "E-FILING" link. Any person submitting a filing in the traditional paper format should send an original and 10 copies of the filing (referring to STB Ex Parte No. 657) to: Surface Transportation Board, Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 657, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Raymond A. Atkins, (202) 565-1624.

[Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: (800) 877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a decision served on March 14, 2005, the Board has rescheduled the hearing at the request of Alliance for Rail Competition and 17 other entities. The Board is holding the public hearing to provide a forum for the expression of views by rail shippers, railroads, and other interested persons, on the Board's consideration of rail rate challenges under the SAC methodology. This hearing will provide a forum for the discussion of any suggestions and proposals that interested persons might wish to offer regarding the Board's consideration of rail rate reasonableness challenges under the SAC methodology. The hearing is not intended to offer a forum for discussion of pending cases, but rather is intended as an opportunity for interested persons to address broader issues that may cut across SAC cases generally.

Date of Hearing. The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2005, in the 7th floor hearing room at the Board's headquarters in Washington, DC, and will continue, with short breaks if necessary, until every person scheduled to speak has been heard.

Notice of Intent To Participate. Any person wishing to speak at the hearing should file with the Board a written notice of intent to participate, and should indicate a requested time allotment, as soon as possible, but no later than April 15, 2005.

Testimony. Each speaker should file with the Board his/her written testimony by April 20, 2005. Also, any interested person who wishes to submit a written statement without appearing at the April 26 hearing should file that statement by April 20, 2005.

Board Releases and Live Audio Available Via the Internet. Decisions and notices of the Board, including this notice, are available on the Board's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. This hearing will be available on the Board's Web site by live audio streaming. To access the hearing, click on the "Live Audio" link under "Information Center" at the left side of the home page beginning at 10 a.m. on April 26, 2005.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Dated: March 14, 2005.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Public Meeting of the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform****AGENCY:** Department of the Treasury.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice advises all interested persons of the locations of the March 23, 2005, and the March 31, 2005, public meetings of the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform. These meetings were previously announced in 70 FR 11731 (March 9, 2005) and 70 FR 12532 (March 14, 2005).

DATES: The meetings will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., in New Orleans, Louisiana, and on Thursday, March 31, 2005, at 9 a.m. in San Francisco, California.

ADDRESSES: The March 23 meeting will be held at The Louisiana Children's Museum, 420 Julia Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130. The March 31 meeting will be held at the Fort Mason Center, Landmark Building A, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, California, 94123-1382. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Panel staff at (202) 927-2TAX (927-2829) (not a toll-free call) or e-mail info@taxreformpanel.gov (please do not send comments to this box). Additional information is available at <http://www.taxreformpanel.gov>.

Dated: March 18, 2005.

Mark S. Kaizen,
Designated Federal Officer.

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