

the Build Alternatives such as station rehabilitation elements or roadway grade crossing elements are functionally independent of the other elements of the Proposed Action. Although the current plan is to evaluate all of the elements in the EIS, as the project elements are developed and as schedules and construction phasing plans develop, it is possible that some of the independent elements may be advanced via separate environmental evaluations under NEPA.

## VI. Potential Effects

Upon completion, the proposed Main Line Corridor improvements are anticipated to eliminate existing deficiencies in LIRR service noted above and generate positive impacts for Long Island residents, businesses, workers, and visitors.

Impacts that may occur as a result of the improvements will be evaluated in the EIS. The LIRR has identified several areas of concern, including: Property acquisition, historic and archaeological resources, parks and Section 4(f) properties, traffic and grade-crossings, noise and vibration, water quality, wetlands, and threatened and endangered species. Potential construction-related impacts associated with the construction phase include noise, vibration, business disruption, impacts on pedestrian and vehicle traffic, and air quality.

The EIS will describe the methodology used to assess impacts; identify the affected environment; and identify opportunities and measures for mitigating adverse impacts. Principles of environmental construction management, resource protection and mitigation measures, and the LIRR Sustainable Design/Design for Environment—Generic Guidelines (March 2003), developed pursuant to New York State Executive Order No. 111 “Green and Clean,” will be considered for incorporation into the Build Alternatives.

## VII. FTA Procedures

During the NEPA process, FTA will also comply with the requirements of Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 303), the Clean Air Act, and other applicable Federal and State environmental statutes, rules, and regulations, in accordance with FTA procedures.

Through the NEPA scoping process and as project development advances, it will be determined whether certain elements of the Full Build Alternative should be advanced independently or in combination with other elements, or be

deferred for evaluation at a future time, in order to meet the transportation needs of Long Island with minimal impact and in a timely manner.

A Draft EIS will be prepared and made available for public and agency review and comment. One or more public hearings will be held on the Draft EIS. On the basis of the Draft EIS and the public and agency comments thereon, a preferred alternative will be selected and will be fully described and further developed in the Final EIS.

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**Letitia Thompson,**

*Regional Administrator, Region II.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on June 16, 2004 at Vol. 69, No. 115, p. 33693-94.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 6, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry Long at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Recall Management Division, NVS-215, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, phone (202) 366-6281.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

*Title:* Dealer Notification of Defects and Noncompliances.

*OMB Number:* 2127-0004.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved information collection adding new requirements.

*Abstract:* These are new amendments to regulations that require manufacturers of motor vehicles and items of vehicle equipment conducting recalls to (1) add information about the

manufacturer's intended schedule for dealer notification to the manufacturer's notifications to NHTSA of defects and noncompliances that are already provided pursuant to 49 CFR 573, and (2) include certain specified language in the notifications that they send to their dealers and distributors pursuant to 49 CFR 577. In addition, vehicle manufacturers will now be required to maintain for a period of 5 years a list of its dealers and distributors that they have notified (69 FR 33693-33694).

*Affected Public:* All manufacturers of motor vehicles and items of motor vehicle equipment that conduct safety recalls.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 19,974 hours for manufacturers of motor vehicles and items of motor vehicle equipment.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

*Comments are invited on:* Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Departments estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**Kathleen C. DeMeter,**

*Director, Office of Defects Investigation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34676]

#### Penn Eastern Holdings, Inc.—Control Exemption—East Penn Railways, Inc. and Penn Eastern Rail Lines, Inc.

Penn Eastern Holdings, Inc. (PEH), a newly established noncarrier holding company, has filed a verified notice of exemption to acquire control through stock ownership of East Penn Railways, Inc. (East Penn) and Penn Eastern Rail Lines, Inc. (Penn Eastern), both Class III rail carriers. East Penn and Penn Eastern