

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Office of the Secretary****Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (Formerly Subpart Q) During the Week Ending September 2, 2005**

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 301.201 *et seq.*). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: OST-1999-5846.

Date Filed: September 1, 2005.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: September 22, 2005.

Description: Application of United Air Lines, Inc. to its pending application for renewal and amendment of its experimental certificate of public convenience and necessity for Route 566 (U.S.-Mexico) to include authority to carry persons, property and mail in foreign air transportation between Los Angeles and Cancun as well as authority to integrate this service with other services it is authorized to provide by exemptions and certificates of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to the Department's Notice dated August 23, 2005, In the Matter of Streamlining Regulatory Procedures for Licensing U.S. and Foreign Air Carriers.

Docket Number: OST-2005-22331.

Date Filed: August 31, 2005.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: September 20, 2005.

Description: Application of American Airlines, Inc., requesting an exemption and a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between New York (JFK) and San Jose del Cabo, Mexico.

Docket Number: OST-2005-22390.

Date Filed: September 2, 2005.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: September 23, 2005.

Description: Application of TUI Airlines Nederland, B.V. requesting a

foreign air carrier permit to engage in charter air transportation of persons, property and mail between a point or points in the Netherlands, on the one hand, and a point or points in the United States, on the other hand, either directly or via intermediate points in other countries, and beyond, as authorized by the October 14, 1992 U.S.-Netherlands "Open Skies" Agreement.

Renee V. Wright,

Program Manager, Docket Operations, Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee—Open Meeting**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee (COMSTAC). The meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 26, 2005, starting at 8 a.m. at the Federal Aviation Administration Headquarters Building, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, in the Bessie Coleman Conference Center, located on the 2nd floor. This will be the forty-second meeting of the COMSTAC.

The proposed agenda for the meeting will feature a briefing on the role of Government launch sites for future space operations, an activities report from FAA's Office of Commercial Space Transportation, and reports from the Committee's working groups. An agenda will be posted on the FAA Web site at <http://ast.faa.gov/COMSTAC>. Meetings of the COMSTAC Working Groups (Technology and Innovation, Reusable Launch Vehicle, Risk Management, and Launch Operations and Support) will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2005. For specific information concerning the times and locations of the working group meetings, contact the contact person listed below.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should inform the contact person listed below in advance of the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda Parker (AST-100), Office of the Commercial Space Transportation, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 331, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-3674; e-mail brenda.parker@faa.dot.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC, September 19, 2005.

Patricia Grace Smith,

Associate Administrator for Commercial, Space Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Maritime Administration**

[Docket No: MARAD 2005-22519]

Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this Notice is to make available for public review and comment the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Port of Anchorage, Cherry Hill Gravel Extraction Project (Project). The DEA analyzes the potential impacts on the natural and manmade environment associated with gravel extraction from Elmendorf Air Force Base to be used as fill for the Port of Anchorage Intermodal Expansion.

DATES: Comments on this DEA must be received by October 28, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel E. Yuska, Jr., Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Environmental Activities, U.S. Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; telephone (202) 366-0714, fax (202) 366-6988.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments may be submitted by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Written comments should refer to docket number MARAD 2005-22519. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket are available at <http://dms.dot.gov>. No comments will be accepted after October 28, 2005. In addition, copies of the DEA are

available for public viewing on the Port of Anchorage Web site (www.portofanchorage.org) or at the Loussac Library in Anchorage.

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.66)

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: September 22, 2005.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34725]

Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption—CSX Transportation, Inc.

The Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc. (MMRR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41, *et seq.*, to lease from CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) and operate about 48 miles of railroad between: (1) Milepost CGC 34.5, in West Olive, MI, and milepost CGC 62.1, in Berry Station, MI; and (2) milepost CGD 0.0, in Berry Station, and milepost CGD 19.98,¹ in Fremont, MI.²

MMRR certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier. Because MMRR's projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million, MMRR has certified to the Board on July 8, 2005, that the required notice of the transaction was posted at the workplace of the employees on the affected line on July 8, 2005, and was sent to the national offices of the labor unions representing employees on the line. *See* 49 CFR 1150.42(e).

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on September 9, 2005, the effective date of the exemption (which is more than 60 days after MMRR's certification to the Board that it had complied with the Board's rule at 49 CFR 1150.42(e)).

¹ According to MMRR, the labor notice provided pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.42(e) indicated that the milepost at the end of the line in Fremont was CGD 19.6. MMRR has been advised by CSXT that milepost CGD 19.6 is used to signify the end of the line for operating purposes, but that the end of the line is actually milepost CGD 19.98. Therefore, MMRR and CSXT have amended all of their agreements to reflect the milepost for the end of the line in Fremont as CGD 19.98. MMRR states that the intent of the parties has always been that the lease extend to the end of the line and therefore no additional CSXT employees will be affected by the change of milepost.

² MMRR indicates that an agreement will be reached between it and CSXT prior to consummation.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34725, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Louis E. Gitomer, Esq., Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

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

Decided: September 20, 2005.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34731]

Nittany and Bald Eagle Railroad Company—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has agreed to grant non-exclusive, overhead, temporary trackage rights to Nittany and Bald Eagle Railroad Company (N&BE) over a portion of NSR's rail line between Lock Haven, PA, NSR milepost 194.2, and Driftwood, PA, NSR milepost 139.2, a distance of approximately 55 miles. The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after the September 19, 2005 effective date of the exemption, and will expire on November 30, 2005. The purpose of the temporary trackage rights is to allow N&BE to operate bridge train service for temporary, seasonal traffic.¹

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the acquisition of the temporary trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—*

¹ A redacted version of the trackage rights agreement between NSR and N&BE was filed with the notice of exemption. The full version of the agreement, as required by 49 CFR 1180.6(a)(7)(ii), was concurrently filed under seal along with a motion for protective order. A protective order was served on September 21, 2005.

Lease and Operate, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980), any employees affected by the discontinuance of those trackage rights will be protected by the conditions set out in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8). If it contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34731, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Richard R. Wilson, 127 Lexington Avenue, Suite 100, Altoona, PA 16601.

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

Decided: September 21, 2005.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

September 22, 2005.

The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Currently, the Office of the Procurement Executive within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the OMB Control Number 1505-0107, Regulation on Agency Protests. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Office of the Procurement Executive, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220, (202) 622-6760.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 28, 2005 to be assured of consideration.