ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erik Takhounts, Ph.D., Office of Applied Vehicle Safety Research, Human Injury Research Division, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone number (202) 366–4737; E-mail *Erik.Takhounts@dot.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: With head and brain injury still a major factor in frontal crashes, NHTSA has identified a need to determine specific injury mechanisms and create more predictive injury criteria. The chief purpose of this Symposium is to hear the opinions, on an individual basis, of experts on short-, mid-, and long-term research efforts that may be relevant to the establishment of advanced brain/head injury criteria. Distinguished researchers engaged in the area of brain injury biomechanics will make presentations on their latest research efforts during the first day of the Symposium. The second day will be devoted to roundtable discussions of specific subjects such as injury mechanisms, crash dummy development, and future research including computer modeling. NHTSA will post a summary of the information presented during the Symposium on its website and place all relevant materials in the docket. It is anticipated that representatives of industry, academia, and the government from North America, Europe, and Asia will participate in the Symposium.

The meeting will be open to the public with advanced registration on a space-available basis. Individuals wishing to register must provide their name, affiliation, phone number and e-mail address to Erik Takhounts (contact information identified above) no later than December 1st, 2006. To the extent time permits, the public may make statements during the meeting, and file written statements with NHTSA for its consideration. The meeting will be held at a site accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require accommodations such as sign language interpreters should contact Erik Takhounts by February 1, 2007.

An agenda will be posted on NHTSA's Web site at: *http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov* and placed in the meeting docket at a later date. Meeting minutes and other information received by NHTSA at the Symposium also will be available on NHTSA's Web site and in the meeting docket.

Issued on: November 2, 2006.

Joseph N. Kanianthra,

Associate Administrator for Vehicle Safety Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34913]

Genesee & Wyoming Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Chattahoochee Bay Railroad, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board grants an exemption, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323–25 for Genesee & Wyoming Inc. (GWI), a noncarrier, to continue in control of Chattahoochee Bay Railroad, Inc. (CBRR), upon CBRR's becoming a rail carrier in a related transaction involving the acquisition and operation of certain rail assets of H&S Railroad Company, Inc., and Chattahoochee & Gulf Railroad Co., Inc., Class III rail carriers,[1] subject to labor protective conditions. GWI is a holding company that directly or indirectly controls one Class II rail carrier and 23 operating Class III rail carriers. The rail assets acquired by CBRR in the related transaction connect with the rail line of an operating Class III rail carrier controlled by GWI.

DATES: This exemption will be effective on November 24, 2006. Petitions to stay must be filed by November 20, 2006. Petitions to reopen must be filed by December 4, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34913, to: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, send one copy of pleadings to Kevin M. Sheys, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham LLP, 1601 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Ziembicki, (202) 565–1604 [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339].

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, e-mail or call: ASAP Document Solutions, 9332 Annapolis Rd., Suite 103, Lanham, MD 20706; e-mail *asapdc@verizon.net;* telephone (202) 306–4004. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS at 1–800–877–8339].

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

Decided: November 1, 2006.

By the Board, Chairman Nottingham, Vice Chairman Mulvey, and Commissioner Buttrey.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[1] *See Chattahoochee Bay Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Certain Assets of H&S Railroad Company, Inc., and Chattahoochee & Gulf Railroad Co., Inc.,* STB Finance Docket No. 34912 (STB served Sept. 15, 2006).

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34946]

Portland & Western Railroad, Inc.—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—Portland Terminal Railroad Company

Pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement, Portland Terminal Railroad Company (PTRR) has agreed to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to Portland & Western Railroad, Inc. (PNWR), extending between milepost 0.91 on BNSF Railway Company's (BNSF) Fallbridge Subdivision and milepost 0.0 on Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UP) Portland Subdivision, all located near Union Station in Portland, OR, a distance of approximately 1.5 miles.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after October 30, 2006, and the temporary trackage rights are scheduled to expire on December 30, 2006.

This transaction is related to two concurrently filed notices of exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 34944, *Portland & Western Railroad, Inc.—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—BNSF Railway Company*, and STB Finance Docket No. 34945, *Portland & Western Railroad, Inc.—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company*. In STB Finance Docket No. 34944, BNSF has agreed to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to PNWR over a 3.6-mile line of railroad extending from the facilities of the Portland Terminal Railroad Company at Portland, OR, to Willbridge, OR, on (a) BNSF main track #1 between milepost 0.69 and milepost 4.32 and (b) BNSF