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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

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Robert E. Hollis,

Division Administrator, Phoenix, Arizona.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Finance Docket No. 34075]

Six County Association of Governments—Construction and Operation Exemption—Rail Line Between Levan and Salina, UT

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: On July 30, 2001, the Six County Association of Governments (SCAOG) filed a Petition for Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502 for authority to construct and operate a new rail line between Juab (near Levan) and Salina, Utah. The project involves approximately 43 miles of new rail line and ancillary facilities. Because the construction and operation of this project has the potential to result in significant environmental impacts, the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), in cooperation with the Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management, prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS). The purpose of this Notice of Availability is to notify individuals and agencies interested in or affected by the proposed project of the availability of the Draft EIS for review and comment.

Implementation of the proposed project would restore rail service to the Sevier Valley, provide rail service to shippers, and reduce the number of trucks on area highways. The Draft EIS

analyses the potential impacts of the proposed route, the "no-build" alternative, and another build alternative.

The Draft EIS addresses environmental issues and concerns identified during the scoping process. It also contains SEA's preliminary recommendations for environmental mitigation measures. The Draft EIS is being made available for public and agency review and comment. SEA will prepare a Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) that considers comments on the Draft EIS from the public and agencies. In reaching its decision in this case, the Board will take into account the Draft EIS, the Final EIS, and all environmental comments that are received.

DATES: Written comments on the Draft EIS, which was served on June 29, 2007 are due on August 22, 2007.

ADDRESS: Send an original and 10 copies of comments referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34075 to: Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Unit, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423, Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball, Section of Environmental Analysis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phillis Johnson-Ball, (202) 245-0304. Federal Information Relay Service for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.

The Web site for the Surface Transportation Board is <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: June 29, 2007.

By the Board, Victoria Rutson, Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35045]

Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway Company—Amended Trackage Rights Exemption—Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company

Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company (DMIR) has agreed to amend the existing overhead trackage rights previously granted to Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway Company (DWP).¹ The rights extend between Shelton Junction, MN (milepost B 2.71

on DMIR's Virginia Branch), and Nopeming Junction, MN (milepost R 5.77 on DMIR's Spirit Lake Branch), a distance of approximately 64 miles. DWP states that the amendment will allow a limited expansion of DWP's rights on trackage over which it already operates.

The purpose of the proposed transaction is to allow for nonexclusive overhead movements, reblocking cars within single trains, or setting out cars requiring servicing over the existing trackage (including an additional 616 feet of connecting track), thus enhancing operational efficiency. The transaction includes all industry spurs, connecting tracks and sidings now existent or hereafter constructed along the subject tracks, and right-of-way for the tracks, signals, interlocking devices and plants, telegraph and telephone lines, and other necessary appurtenances, a distance of approximately 63.82 miles, all within the State of Minnesota.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is July 14, 2007, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the exemption was filed).

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the 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.—Lease and Operate, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980)*.

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If the 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 effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than July 6, 2007 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35045, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas J. Healey, 17641 S. Ashland Ave., Homewood, IL 60430.

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

Decided: June 25, 2007.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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¹ DWP initially obtained these trackage rights in *Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 34424 (Sub-No. 1) (STB served Apr. 9, 2004).