

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of special permits thereof
14644-N ....		El Aero Services, Inc., Elko, NV.	49 CFR 172.101 HMT Column (9B), 172.200, 172.300, 172.400.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain hazardous materials by cargo aircraft only in remote areas of the US without being subject to hazard communication requirements and quantity limitations. (mode 4)

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Special Permit

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** List of applications for modification of special permit.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations (49 CFR Part 107, Subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has

received the application described herein. This notice is abbreviated to expedite docketing and public notice. Because the sections affected, modes of transportation, and the nature of application have been shown in earlier **FEDERAL REGISTER** publications, they are not repeated here. Request of modifications of special permits (e.g. to provide for additional hazardous materials, packaging design changes, additional mode of transportation, etc.) are described in footnotes to the application number. Application numbers with the suffix "M" denote a modification request. There applications have been separated from the new application for special permits to facilitate processing.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 10, 2008.

*Address Comments To:* Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S.

Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East building, PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast, Washington, DC or at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for modification of special permit is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 19, 2008.

**Delmer F. Billings,**

*Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Special Permits and Approvals.*

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### Modification Special Permits

8215-M .....		Olin Corporation, Brass and Winchester, Inc., East Alton, IL.	49 CFR Part 172, Subpart E; 172.320; 173.62(c); 173.230.	To modify the special permit to authorize the use of a Division 1.1 placard.
8723-M .....		Alaska Pacific Powder Company, Anchorage, AK.	49 CFR 172.101; 173.62; 173.242; 176.83; 177.848.	To modify the special permit to authorize an additional container type.
11818-M .....		ITT Industries Space Systems, LLC, Rochester, NY.	49 CFR 180.205 .....	To modify the special permit to authorize the transportation in commerce of an additional Division 2.2 gas and to increase the maximum width of capillary pumped loops.
12440-M .....		Luxfer Gas Cylinders, Riverside, CA.	49 CFR 173.301(h); 173.302(a); 178.46(a)(4); 178.46(c)(i).	To modify the special permit to establish additional testing matrix guidelines.
13207-M .....		BEI, Honolulu, HI .....	49 CFR 173.32(f)(5) .....	To modify the special permit to authorize additional portable tanks for the transportation in commerce of sulfuric acid.
14333-M .....		The Columbiana Boiler Co., Columbiana, OH.	49 CFR 179.300-13(b) .....	To modify the special permit to authorize a new design in securing/sealing hex plugs.
14393-M .....		Hamilton Sundstrand, Windsor Locks, CT.	49 CFR 173.306(e) (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi); 173.307(a)(4)(iv).	To modify the special permit to authorize the transportation in commerce of new supplemental cooling unit refrigeration machines with alternative safety devices as a component part of an aircraft.
14496-M .....		Oilphase Division, Schlumberger Eval. & Production (UK) Ltd Dyce, Aberdeen, UK.	49 CFR 173.201(c), 173.202(c), 173.203(c), 173.301(f), 173.302(a), 173.304(a), 173.304(d), 175.3.	To modify the special permit to authorize minor revisions to the non-DOT specification oil well sampling cylinder.
14544-M .....		DS Containers, Inc., Batavia, IL.	49 CFR 173.306(a)(3)(v) ...	To modify the special permit to authorize additional non-DOT specification containers.

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14568-M .....		Department of Defense, Ft. Eustis, VA.	49 CFR 173.431 .....	To reissue the special permit originally issued on an emergency basis for the transportation in commerce of portable nuclear gauges containing certain radioactive materials exceeding the quantity that may be transported in a Type A packaging.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-183 (Sub-No. 4X); STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 301X)]

#### Union Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Allegheny County, PA; Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption—in Allegheny County, PA

On February 5, 2008, Union Railroad Company (URR) and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) (collectively, petitioners) jointly filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 for URR to discontinue service and abandon and for NSR to discontinue trackage rights over a 1.34-mile line of railroad between South Duquesne, PA, and McKeesport, PA, in Allegheny County, PA. The line extends from McKeesport Branch Station 0+00 (Duquesne Branch Station 97+26) at the point of switch for turnout D-60, to McKeesport Branch Station 70+78 at the point of switch for turnout UM-1, and includes the Riverton Railroad Bridge (Riverton Bridge) that crosses the Monongahela River at Monongahela milepost 14.3. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 15110 and 15132, and includes no stations.

Petitioners state that, based on information in their possession, the line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in petitioners' possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by May 23,

2008<sup>1</sup> (sooner if petitioners' request for expedited handling can be accommodated).

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,300 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use.<sup>2</sup> Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than March 17, 2008. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$200 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket Nos. AB-183 (Sub-No. 4X) and AB-290 (Sub-No. 301X), and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; (2) for URR—John A. Vuono, Vuono & Gray, LLC, 310 Grant Street, Suite 2310, Pittsburgh, PA 15219; and (3) for NSR—Greg E. Summy, General Solicitor, Norfolk Southern Corp., Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510-2191. Replies to petitioners' petition are due on or before March 17, 2008.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Governmental and Public Affairs at

<sup>1</sup> Petitioners seek expedited consideration of the petition, stating that the line proposed to be abandoned, including the Riverton Bridge, is intended to be used as a trail and would be the final link of a trail system that would connect Washington, DC and the City of Pittsburgh. According to petitioners, the official opening of the system is scheduled for on or about October 1, 2008. Petitioners state that, prior to the trail opening, construction would be required to prepare the line for use as a trail. Petitioners have confirmed that they are aware that removal of rail or railroad-related materials may not occur until completion of the exemption process, including compliance with any environmental or historic conditions that may be imposed.

<sup>2</sup> As noted, petitioners intend that the line be developed for trail use. Petitioners state that URR, and its parent company United States Steel Corporation, have engaged in negotiations with Allegheny County and plan for URR to transfer title to the line to Allegheny County.

(202) 245-0230 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 245-0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). The EA in an abandonment proceeding normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA generally will be within 30 days of its service. Here, SEA anticipates issuing the EA on March 5, 2008, and making comments due by April 4, 2008, in an effort to accommodate petitioners' request for expedited consideration.

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

Decided: February 15, 2008.

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

**Anne K. Quinlan,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34836]

#### Arizona Eastern Railway— Construction and Operation Exemption—in Graham County, Arizona

**AGENCIES:** Lead: Surface Transportation Board. Cooperating: Federal Railroad Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Request for Public Review and Comment.

**SUMMARY:** On August 4, 2006, the Arizona Eastern Railway (AZER) filed a