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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 Thursday, May 21, 2009, 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-ninth meeting of the COMSTAC.

The proposed agenda for this meeting will focus on discussions concerning several critical issues, including:

- The impact of the current economy on the U.S. commercial space transportation industry;
- Space situational awareness, space traffic management, and FAA's role in these areas;
- Identifying the critical issues impacting operations at U.S. federal and non-federal launch sites that the COMSTAC should be considering.

There will also be briefings on the 2009 Commercial Space Transportation Market Forecasts and discussions and activity reports by the chairpersons of the COMSTAC working groups. Subject to approval, a portion of the May 21st

meeting will be closed to the public (starting at 3:45 p.m.).

Interested members of the public may submit relevant written statements for the COMSTAC members to consider under the advisory process. Statements may be concerning the issues and agenda items mentioned above and/or additional issues that may be relevant for the U.S. commercial space transportation industry. Interested parties wishing to submit written statements should contact Brenda Parker, DFO, (the Contact Person listed below) in writing (mail or e-mail) by May 1, 2009, so that the information can be made available to COMSTAC members for their review and consideration prior to the May 21st meeting. Written statements should be supplied in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature and/or one electronic copy via e-mail.

An agenda will be posted on the FAA Web site at <http://ast.faa.gov>. For specific information concerning the times and locations of the COMSTAC 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 Commercial Space Transportation (AST), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 331, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-3674; E-mail brenda.parker@faa.gov. Complete information regarding COMSTAC is available on the FAA Web site at: http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/advisory_committee/.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte 680 (Sub-No. 1)]

Supplemental Report to the U.S. Surface Transportation Board on Capacity and Infrastructure Investment

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board seeks written public comments on the independent study prepared by Christensen Associates, Inc., entitled *Supplemental Report to the U.S. Surface Transportation Board on Capacity and Infrastructure Investment*, released on April 8, 2009 (*Report*). This report supplements an earlier report by Christensen Associates, released in November 2008, *A Study of Competition in the U.S. Freight Railroad Industry and Analysis of Proposals That Might Enhance Competition*.

DATES: Comments are due on or before May 8, 2009. Replies to comments are due by May 28, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments and replies may be submitted either via the Board's e-filing format or in traditional paper format. Any person using e-filing should attach a document and otherwise comply with the instructions at the E-FILING link on the Board's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. Any person submitting a filing in the traditional paper format should send an original and 10 copies referring to STB Ex Parte No. 680 (Sub-No. 1) to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy Strafford, (202) 245-0356. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: (800) 877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In September 2007, the Board awarded a contract to Christensen Associates to conduct an independent study that provides a comprehensive analysis of a wide range of issues including competition, capacity, and the interplay between the two. After the study was released, the Board held a public meeting on November 6, 2008, with Christensen Associates to discuss it.

In August 2008, to supplement this study, the Board called for an analysis of long-term forecasts of freight rail demand, particularly the U.S. Department of Transportation's Freight Analysis Framework (FAF). The Board requested a review of FAF and augmentation of FAF to permit greater incentive-based responses by economic agents and to test the sensitivity of FAF to key inputs, such as fuel prices and rates.

The *Report* compares the FAF commodity flow forecasts to other macroeconomic and commodity-specific forecasts to develop alternative forecast scenarios of future freight rail volumes. The *Report* also analyzes the 2007 Cambridge Systematics study that used the FAF commodity flow forecasts to