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Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. To facilitate the building security process, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, Bronwyn G. Douglass, by e-mail at [bronwyn.douglass@uscg.mil](mailto:bronwyn.douglass@uscg.mil), by phone at (202) 372-3792, by fax at (202) 372-3972, or in writing at Commandant (CG-0941), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street, SW., STOP 7121, Washington, DC 20593-7121 not later than 72 hours before the meeting. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Headquarters building. The Headquarters building is accessible by taxi and privately owned conveyance (public transportation is not generally available). However, parking in the vicinity of the building is extremely limited. A member of the public needing reasonable accommodation should make his or her request by September 16th. Requests submitted after that date will be considered, but might not be able to be fulfilled. Additional information regarding this and other IMO SHC public meetings may be found at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/imo>.

Dated: September 2, 2009.

**J. Trent Warner,**

*Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Public Notice 6739]**

**Notice of Public Meeting**

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES), Office of Marine Conservation announces that the Advisory Panel to the U.S. Section of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission will meet on September 23, 2009.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place via teleconference on September 23, 2009 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern time.

*Meeting Details:* The teleconference call-in number is toll-free 1-888-456-0348, passcode 20935, and will have a limited number of lines for members of the public to access from anywhere in the United States. Callers will hear instructions for using the passcode and joining the call after dialing the toll-free number noted. Members of the public wishing to participate in the teleconference must contact the OES officer in charge as noted in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below no later than close of business on Monday, September 21, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Field, Office of Marine Conservation, OES, Room 2758, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520. Telephone (202) 647-3263, fax (202) 736-7350, e-mail [fieldjd@state.gov](mailto:fieldjd@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is given that the Advisory Panel to the U.S. Section of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC) will meet on the date and time noted above. The panel consists of members from the states of Alaska and Washington who represent the broad range fishing and conservation interests in anadromous and ecologically related species in the North Pacific. Certain members also represent relevant state and regional authorities. The panel was established in 1992 to advise the U.S. Section of the NPAFC on research needs and priorities for anadromous species, such as salmon, and ecologically related species occurring in the high seas of the North Pacific Ocean. The upcoming Panel meeting will focus on three major topics: (1) Review of the agenda for the 2009 annual meeting of the NPAFC (November 2-6, 2009; Niigata, Japan); (2) logistics for the U.S. Section at the NPAFC meeting; and (3) the future status of the Panel. Background material is available from the point of contact

noted above and by visiting <http://www.npafc.org>.

Dated: September 1, 2009.

**William Gibbons-Fly,**

*Director, Office of Marine Conservation, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Surface Transportation Board**

**[STB Finance Docket No. 35252]**

**Regional Transportation District—Acquisition Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company in Adams, Boulder, Broomfield, and Weld, CO**

Regional Transportation District (RTD),<sup>1</sup> a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) approximately 32.97 miles of rail line, known as the Boulder Industrial Lead, extending from milepost 0.2 (north of Denver) to approximately milepost 33.17, including the Lakeside Spur (Boulder County), in the Counties of Adams, Boulder, Broomfield, and Weld, CO. According to RTD, UP will retain an exclusive freight easement for the trackage on the Boulder Industrial Lead, and UP will retain the exclusive right to operate freight service on the entire line.

RTD states that the transaction was agreed upon on June 25, 2009. The earliest this transaction may be consummated is September 23, 2009, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the exemption is filed). According to RTD, it will acquire no right or obligation to provide freight rail service on the Boulder Industrial Lead, and it is acquiring the property for the purpose of providing intrastate passenger commuter rail operations. RTD certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.<sup>2</sup> 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 does not automatically stay the transaction. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than September 16, 2009 (at least 7 days

<sup>1</sup> RTD is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado.

<sup>2</sup> A motion to dismiss has been filed in this proceeding. The motion will be addressed in a subsequent Board decision.

before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35252, 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 Charles A. Spitulnik, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036.

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

Decided: September 3, 2009.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 670 (Sub-No. 3)]

#### Renewal of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to renew charter.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended 5 U.S.C., App. (FACA), notice is hereby given that the Surface Transportation Board (Board) intends to renew the charter of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC).

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the charter is available at the Library of the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001, and on the Board's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Zimmerman, Designated Federal Official, at (202) 245-0202. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** RETAC was established by the Board on September 24, 2007, to provide advice and guidance to the Board, on a continuing basis, and to provide a forum for the discussion of emerging issues and concerns regarding the transportation by rail of energy resources, particularly but not necessarily limited to coal, ethanol and other biofuels. RETAC functions solely

as an advisory body, and will comply with the provisions of FACA, and its implementing regulations.

RETAC consists of approximately 25 voting members, excluding the governmental representatives. The membership comprises a balanced representation of individuals experienced in issues affecting the transportation of energy resources, including not less than: 5 representatives from the Class I railroads; 3 representatives from Class II and III railroads; 3 representatives from coal producers; 5 representatives from electric utilities (including at least one rural electric cooperative and one state- or municipally-owned utility); 4 representatives from biofuel feedstock growers or providers, and biofuel refiners, processors and distributors; and 2 representatives from private car owners, car lessors, or car manufacturers. These members are serving in a representative capacity for this Committee. The Committee may also include up to 3 members with relevant experience but not necessarily affiliated with one of the aforementioned industries or sectors. STB Board Members are ex officio (non-voting) members of RETAC.

RETAC meets approximately four times a year, and meetings are open to the public, consistent with the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409.

Further information about the RETAC is available on the Board's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov> and at the GSA's FACA Database—<https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp>.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Dated: September 3, 2009.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

### Office of the General Counsel; Appointment of Members of the Legal Division to the Performance Review Board, Internal Revenue Service

Under the authority granted to me as Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service by the General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury by General Counsel Order No. 21 (Rev. 4), pursuant to the Civil Service Reform Act, I have appointed the following persons to the Legal Division Performance Review Board, Internal Revenue Service Panel:

1. Chairperson, Bernard J. Knight, Acting General Counsel (Department of Treasury).

2. Paul D. DeNard, IRS, Deputy Commissioner (Operations) (Large and Mid Size Business).

3. Faris R. Fink, IRS, Deputy Commissioner (Small Business/Self Employed).

This publication is required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

Dated: August 8, 2009.

**William J. Wilkins,**

*Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service.*

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## UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

### Sentencing Guidelines for United States Courts

**AGENCY:** United States Sentencing Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of final priorities.

**SUMMARY:** In June 2009, the Commission published a notice of possible policy priorities for the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2010. See 74 FR 29737 (June 23, 2009). After reviewing public comment received pursuant to the notice of proposed priorities, the Commission has identified its policy priorities for the upcoming amendment cycle and hereby gives notice of these policy priorities.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Courlander, Public Affairs Officer, Telephone: (202) 502-4590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States Sentencing Commission is an independent agency in the judicial branch of the United States Government. The Commission promulgates sentencing guidelines and policy statements for Federal sentencing courts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(a). The Commission also periodically reviews and revises previously promulgated guidelines pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(o) and submits guideline amendments to the Congress not later than the first day of May each year pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(p).

As part of its statutory authority and responsibility to analyze sentencing issues, including operation of the Federal sentencing guidelines, the Commission has identified its policy priorities for the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2010. The Commission recognizes, however, that other factors, such as the enactment of any legislation requiring Commission action, may affect the Commission's ability to complete