DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 34658]

**Alaska Railroad Corporation—Construction and Operation Exemption—Rail Line Between North Pole and Delta Junction, AK**

By petition filed on July 6, 2007, Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC), a Class III rail carrier incorporated in, and owned by, the State of Alaska, seeks an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 for authority to construct and operate approximately 80 miles of new main line track, referred to as the Northern Rail Extension (NRE), in the State of Alaska. The proposed NRE would extend southeasterly from Mile 20 on ARRC’s existing Eielson Branch near the community of North Pole (located just south of Fairbanks) to the southern side of the community of Delta Junction.

In a decision served on October 4, 2007, the Board instituted a proceeding under 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). The Board’s Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) has conducted an environmental review of the proposed construction and alternatives. A detailed Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared by SEA together with eight cooperating agencies was issued for public review and comment on February 2, 2009. SEA then prepared a Final EIS that was issued on September 18, 2009. The Final EIS considered all the comments received on the Draft EIS, reflects SEA’s further independent analysis, and sets forth SEA’s preferred rail alignments and final recommended environmental mitigation measures.

After considering the entire record, including both the transportation aspects of the petition and the potential environmental issues, we granted the requested construction and operation exemption in a decision served on January 6, 2010, permitting ARRC to build any of the preferred rail alignments set out in the decision, subject to compliance with the environmental mitigation measures listed in Appendix 1 of the decision. Vice Chairman Mulvey dissented with a separate expression. Petitions to reopen must be filed by February 5, 2010.

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Decided: January 5, 2010.

By the Board, Chairman Elliott, Vice Chairman Mulvey, and Commissioner Nottingham. Vice Chairman Mulvey dissented with a separate expression.

Kulunie L. Cannon,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**Receipt of Noise Compatibility Program Update and Request for Review for Modesto City-County Airport, Modesto, CA**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice, correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published a notice in the *Federal Register* on December 18, 2009. (74 FR 67305). This action corrects an error in a date in that document. The notice announced that the FAA is reviewing a proposed noise compatibility program update that was submitted for Modesto City-County Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47501 et seq. (the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act) and 4 CFR Part 150 by City of Modesto.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Camille Garibaldi, Telephone number: (650) 876–2778, extension 613.

**Correction**

In Notice document (Federal Register Doc. E9–30186) published on December 18, 2009 (74 FR 67305) make the following correction:

On page 67305 in the second column, in the fourth line of the third paragraph under the heading **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** the date December 6, 2009, is corrected to read, December 9, 2009.

Issued in Hawthorne, California on December 29, 2009.

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Manager, Airports Division, AWP–600, Western-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

**Petition for Exemption From the Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; Hyundai-Kia America Technical Center, Inc.**

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Grant of petition for exemption.

**SUMMARY:** This document grants in full the petition of Hyundai-Kia Motors Corporation (HATCI) in accordance with § 543.9(c)(2) of 49 CFR part 543, *Exemption from the Theft Prevention Standard*, for the Kia Amanti vehicle line beginning with model year (MY) 2009. This petition is granted because the agency has determined that the antitheft device to be placed on the line as standard equipment is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard. HATCI requested confidential treatment for its information and attachments submitted in support of its petition. In a letter dated January 30, 2008, the agency denied HATCI’s request for confidential treatment. Subsequently, HATCI requested reconsideration of the determination. In a letter dated September 25, 2008, the agency granted the petitioner’s request for reconsideration of confidential treatment of the indicated areas of its petition.

**DATES:** The exemption granted by this notice is effective beginning with model year (MY) 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Deborah Mazyck, International Policy, Fuel Economy and Consumer Programs, NHTSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Mazyck’s telephone number is (202) 493–2290.

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