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DATES: Submit comments on or before February 16, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2009-0002. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W21-203, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5979.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel BOO PACIFIC is: *Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* "Sailing lessons in coastal waters." *Geographic Region:* "California."

Privacy Act

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78).

Dated: January 11, 2010.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Christine Gurland,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2009-0001]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel BELLISSIMO.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2009-0001 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel BELLISSIMO is:

Intended Commercial Use Of Vessel: "Carrying passengers (maximum 6 guest) for pleasure trips of one day to one week."

Geographic Region: "Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maine, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi."

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35341]

Pioneer Industrial Railway Co.— Trackage Rights Exemption—Central Illinois Railroad Company

Pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement, Central Illinois Railroad Company (CIRY) has agreed to grant non-exclusive local trackage rights to Pioneer Industrial Railway Co. (PIRY) over approximately 4.81 miles of rail line in the City of Peoria, Peoria County, IL, as follows: (1) The southern segment of the Kellar Branch, between mileposts 1.71 and 2.78, (2) the northern segment of the Kellar Branch, between mileposts 8.50 and 10.0, and (3) the western connection, between milepost 71.5 to the end of track (a short distance west

of University Avenue), and including 1,800 feet of connecting track linking the end of the western connection with the northern segment.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed petition for exemption wherein PIRY seeks to discontinue service over 8.29 miles of rail line on the Kellar Branch and CIRY seeks to discontinue service over 5.72 miles of rail line on the Kellar Branch. See STB Docket No. AB-1056X, *Pioneer Industrial Railway Co.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—Line in Peoria County, IL*, and STB Docket No. AB-1066 (Sub-No. 1X), *Central Illinois Railroad Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—Line in Peoria County, IL*.

The transaction may be consummated on or after January 28, 2010, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the exemption was filed).

The purpose of the transaction is to: (1) Facilitate the possible conversion of the middle segment of the Kellar Branch to a recreational trail, (2) restructure the relationships among PIRY, CIRY, and the City of Peoria (City), so that PIRY and the City will no longer have a direct landlord-tenant relationship pursuant to a lease agreement, and (3) permit PIRY to continue to provide common carrier service, via local trackage rights, to shippers located on, or that may in the future locate on, the southern and northern segments of the Kellar Branch and on the western connection.

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. Stay petitions must be filed by January 21, 2010 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35341, 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 William A. Mullins, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

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

Decided: January 12, 2010.

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

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Unblocking of Specially Designated National Pursuant to Executive Order 13224

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is removing the name of one individual from the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons whose property and interests in property have been blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, *Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, or Support Terrorism*. The individual, HUBER, Albert Friedrich Armand, was designated pursuant to Executive Order 13224 on November 7, 2001.

DATES: The removal of the individual from the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons whose property and interests in property have been blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13224 is effective as of January 8, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Assistant Director, Compliance Outreach & Implementation, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220, *tel.*: 202/622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC's web site (<http://www.treas.gov/ofac>) or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service, *tel.*: 202/622-0077.

Background

On September 23, 2001, the President issued Executive Order 13224 (the "Order") pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1701-1706, and the United

Nations Participation Act of 1945, 22 U.S.C. 287c, imposing economic sanctions on persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support acts of terrorism. The President identified in the Annex to the Order various individuals and entities as subject to the economic sanctions. The Order authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and (pursuant to Executive Order 13284) the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, to designate additional persons or entities determined to meet certain criteria set forth in Executive Order 13224.

One such additional person was designated by the Secretary of the Treasury on November 7, 2001. The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control has determined that this individual no longer continues to meet the criteria for designation under the Order and is appropriate for removal from the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons.

The following designation is removed from the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons:

HUBER, Albert Friedrich Armand (a.k.a. HUBER, Ahmed), Mettmenstetten, Switzerland; DOB 1927 (individual) [SDGT]

The removal of the individual's name from the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons is effective as of January 8, 2010. All property and interests in property of the individual that are in or hereafter come within the United States or the possession or control of United States persons are now unblocked.

Dated: January 8, 2010.

Adam J. Szubin,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0700]

Proposed Information Collection (Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance—Waiver of Premiums); Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of