

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line Railroad and The Union Pacific Railroad Company—Abandonment—Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth and Ammon, In Bingham and Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by August 13, 2010.

Any 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 \$1,500 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. 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 June 3, 2010. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$250 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 702X), and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Kathryn R. Barney, 500 Water Street—J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Replies to the petition are due on or before June 3, 2010.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs and Compliance at (202) 245-0328 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). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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

Decided: May 7, 2010

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

Kulunie L. Cannon,

Clearance Clerk.

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Federal agencies have taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1) by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following highway project in the State of California. The State Route 99 Manteca Widening Project would provide congestion relief along a stretch of State Route 99 from the Austin Road interchange to the Arch Road interchange, improve future traffic operations, and provide route continuity. This would be accomplished by widening State Route 99 from a four-lane facility to a six-lane facility with structural and operational improvements to interchanges within the project limits. The actions by the Federal agencies and the laws under which such actions were taken are described in the Environmental Assessment (EA)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project, approved on March 10, 2010, and in other documents in the FHWA administrative record. The EA/FONSI and other documents are available by contacting FHWA or Caltrans at the addresses provided above. The FHWA EA/FONSI can be viewed and downloaded from the project Web site at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist10/environmental/projects/99widening/index.html>.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. *General:* National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321-4351]; and Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109 and 23 U.S.C. 128].

2. *Air:* Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401-7671(q)].

3. *Land:* Landscape and Scenic Enhancement (Wildflowers) [23 U.S.C. 319].

4. *Wetlands and Water Resources:* Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251-1377 (Section 404, Section 401, Section 319); Wetlands Mitigation [23 U.S.C. 103(b)(6)(m) and 133(b)(11)]; Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), 16 U.S.C. 4601-4604; Flood Disaster Protection Act, 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128; and Safe Drinking Water Act [42 U.S.C. 300(f)-300(j)(6)].

5. *Wildlife:* Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531-1544 and Section 1536]; Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661-667(d)]; and Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703-712].

6. *Historic and Cultural Resources:* Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*]; Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 469-469c]; Archaeological Resources

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the FHWA, and other

Protection Act of 1979 [16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*]; and Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act [25 U.S.C. 3001–3013].

7. *Social and Economic:* Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)–2000(d)(1)]; Farmland Protection Policy Act [7 U.S.C. 4201–4209]; American Indian Religious Freedom Act [42 U.S.C. 1996]; and The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970, as amended.

8. *Hazardous Materials:*

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act [42 U.S.C. 9601–9675]; Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986; and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act [42 U.S.C. 6901–6992(k)].

9. *Executive Orders:* E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations; E.O. 11593 Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment; E.O. 13007 Indian Sacred Sites; E.O.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

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Cindy Vigue,

Director, State Programs, Federal Highway Administration, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for a waiver of compliance from certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

United Railroad Historical Society of New Jersey

[Docket Number FRA–2010–0079]

The United Railroad Historical Society of New Jersey (URHS) of

Jackson, New Jersey, has petitioned for a permanent waiver of compliance for six passenger cars from the requirements of the Railroad Safety Glazing Standards, Title 49 CFR Part 223, which require certified glazing in all windows. The identifying mark, type of car, year built, number of windows and the estimated replacement glazing cost for each car are as follows:

- New York Central “Hickory Creek,” Observation/Lounge/Sleeper, 1948, 28, \$35,000.
- New York Central No. 43, Tavern/Lounge, 1947, 25, \$30,000.
- New York Central No. 37, Tavern/Lounge, 1947, 25, \$30,000.
- Pennsylvania Railroad 1547, Coach/Lounge, 1949, 25, \$28,000.
- URHS 326, Coach, 1950, 26, \$30,000.
- URHS 329, Coach, 1953, 33, \$33,000.

URHS has collected this historic equipment so as to operate it in conjunction with a future New Jersey Transportation Heritage Center. Part of this effort includes operating these cars on various short line railroads. For example, the New York Central “Hickory Creek” and the New York Central No. 43 periodically (10 trips/year) operate from New York, to various other destinations in the country. The other four cars: The New York Central No. 37, Pennsylvania Railroad 1547, URHS 326 and URHS 329 are operated on the Cape May Seashore Lines between Richland and Tuckahoe (15 miles); and between Cape May Court House and Cape May, New Jersey (13 miles), with a maximum speed of 30 mph. These cars were restored over the past 10 years, and all are equipped with laminated safety plate glazing.

URHS states that they are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and have little income so that it would be prohibitive for them to re-equip these cars with the FRA certified glazing per provisions of 49 CFR 223.15 *Requirements for existing passenger cars*. They are therefore seeking a waiver of compliance from provisions that require certified glazing for the passenger cars listed above, and presently located in Tuckahoe and Lebanon, New Jersey.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA–2010–0079) and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202–493–2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.–5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the document (or signing the document, 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 (65 FR 19477) or at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html>.

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Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation will meet on May 17–18, 2010, in the Magnolia Ballroom at the St. Regis Washington DC, 923 16th and K Streets, NW., from