

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Meeting of the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group Aviation Rulemaking Committee**

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Park Service (NPS), in accordance with the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000, announce the next meeting of the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group (NPOAG) Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC). This notification provides the dates, location, and agenda for the meeting.

Dates and Location: The NPOAG ARC will meet on March 9–10, 2011. The meeting will take place in Salon #5 at the Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819. The phone number is (888) 800–2174. The meetings will be held from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on March 9–10, 2011. This NPOAG meeting will be open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (NPATMA), enacted on April 5, 2000, as Public Law 106–181, required the establishment of the NPOAG within one year after its enactment. The Act requires that the NPOAG be a balanced group of representatives of general aviation, commercial air tour operations, environmental concerns, and Native American tribes. The Administrator of the FAA and the Director of NPS (or their designees) serve as ex officio members of the group. Representatives of the Administrator and Director serve alternating 1-year terms as chairman of the advisory group.

The duties of the NPOAG include providing advice, information, and recommendations to the FAA Administrator and the NPS Director on: Implementation of Public Law 106–181; quiet aircraft technology; other

measures that might accommodate interests to visitors of national parks; and at the request of the Administrator and the Director, on safety, environmental, and other issues related to commercial air tour operations over national parks or tribal lands.

Agenda for the March 9–10, 2011 NPOAG Meeting

The agenda for the meeting will include, but is not limited to, an update on ongoing Air Tour Management Program projects; an update on the safety assessments process; a discussion of roles and responsibilities; a discussion of the competitive bidding process, and a review of quiet technology incentives.

Attendance at the Meetings and Submission of Written Comments

Although these are not public meetings, interested persons may attend. Because seating is limited, if you plan to attend please contact one of the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** so that meeting space may be made to accommodate all attendees. Written comments regarding the meeting will be accepted directly from attendees or may be sent to the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Record of the Meetings

If you cannot attend the NPOAG meeting, a summary record of the meeting will be made available under the NPOAG section of the FAA ATMP Web site at: http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/arc/programs/air_tour_management_plan/parks_overflights_group/minutes.cfm or through the Special Programs Staff, Western-Pacific Region, P.O. Box 92007, Los Angeles, CA 90009–2007, telephone: (310) 725–3808.

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Barry Brayer,

Manager, Special Programs, Western-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration**

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA–2010–0145]

Union Pacific Railroad Company; Notice of Public Hearing and Extension of Public Comment Period

On October 22, 2010, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

published a notice in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 65399) announcing the Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UP) request for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 232, *Brake System Safety Standards*. Specifically, UP has petitioned FRA for a determination that the engineering principles used in its design of its Continuous Speed Control Yard located at Roseville, California, are a sufficient primary retarder to prevent equipment rollouts and act as an acceptable form of alternate securement under 49 CFR 232.103(n)(1) (*Securement of unattended equipment*).

FRA has determined upon investigation that the facts of this proceeding warrant a public hearing. Accordingly, a hearing is hereby scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on March 17, 2011, at the Hilton Garden Inn Roseville, 1951 Taylor Road, Roseville, California, USA 95661. Interested parties are invited to present oral statements at this hearing. For information on facilities or services for persons with disabilities or to request special assistance at the hearing, contact FRA's Docket Clerk, Michelle Silva, by telephone, e-mail, or in writing, at least five business days before the date of the hearing. Ms. Silva's contact information is as follows: FRA, Office of Chief Counsel, Mail Stop 10, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; telephone 202–493–6030; e-mail michelle.silva@dot.gov.

The informal hearing will be conducted by a representative designated by FRA in accordance with FRA's Rules of Practice (*see* particularly 49 CFR 211.25). FRA's representative will make an opening statement outlining the scope of the hearing, as well as any additional procedures for the conduct of the hearing. The hearing will be a non-adversarial proceeding in which all interested parties will be given the opportunity to express their views regarding the waiver petition without cross-examination. After all initial statements have been completed, those individuals wishing to make brief rebuttal statements will be given an opportunity to do so.

In addition, FRA is hereby extending the comment period to April 17, 2011. All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA–2010–0145) 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.

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 (Volume 65, Number 70; Page 19477) or at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html>.

Issued in Washington, DC on February 14, 2011.

Robert C. Lauby,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Regulatory and Legislative Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2011 0010]

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 ARIELS SONG.

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-2011-0010 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.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 21, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2011-0010. 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, E-mail Joann.Spittle@dot.gov.

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

Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: "Pleasure tours, cruises and sail instruction."

Geographic Region: "We will be based out of Newport RI and extend along the East coast and waterways from Maine to Florida, especially in the winter months. ME, NH, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, DE, MD, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL."

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).

By order of the Maritime Administrator.
Dated: February 8, 2011.

Murray Bloom,

Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 1053 (Sub-No. 1X)]

Michigan Air-Line Railway Co.— Abandonment Exemption—in Oakland County, MI

On January 28, 2011, Michigan Air-Line Railway Co. (MAL Railway) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon an approximately 5.45-mile rail line between milepost 45.26 (Engineer's Profile Station 2389+72), at the west line of Haggerty Road, and milepost 50.65 (Engineer's Profile Station 2677+67), at the intersection with the right-of-way of a CSX Transportation, Inc. rail line, in the City of Wixom, in Oakland County, Mich. The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 48390 and 48393.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in MAL Railway's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & 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 May 18, 2011.

Any offer of financial assistance (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