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Authority: 44 U.S.C. §§ 3501–3520.

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Rebecca Pennington,

Chief Financial Officer, Federal Railroad Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2000–7257; Notice No. 73]

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting Postponement

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) Meeting Postponement.

SUMMARY: FRA recently announced the forty-eighth meeting of the RSAC, a Federal Advisory Committee that develops railroad safety regulations through a consensus process (77 FR 73734). This meeting has been postponed until further notice and will be rescheduled at a future date.

DATES: The RSAC meeting scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, is hereby postponed and will be rescheduled at a future date.

ADDRESSES: To be rescheduled at a future date and location.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Woolverton, RSAC Administrative Officer/Coordinator, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493–6212; or Robert Lauby, Deputy Associate Administrator for Regulatory and Legislative Operations, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493–6474.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RSAC was established to provide advice and recommendations to FRA on railroad safety matters. The RSAC is composed of 54 voting representatives from 32

member organizations, representing various rail industry perspectives. In addition, there are non-voting advisory representatives from the agencies with railroad safety regulatory responsibility in Canada and Mexico, the National Transportation Safety Board, and the Federal Transit Administration. The diversity of the Committee ensures the requisite range of views and expertise necessary to discharge its responsibilities. See the RSAC Web site for details on prior RSAC activities and pending tasks at: <http://rsac.fra.dot.gov/>. Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 11, 1996 (61 FR 9740), for additional information about the RSAC.

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Robert C. Lauby,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Regulatory and Legislative Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 33 (Sub-No. 309X);
Docket No. AB 980 (Sub-No. 2X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment of Freight Easement Exemption—in Alameda County, Cal. (San Jose Industrial Lead); Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority— Abandonment of Residual Common Carrier Obligation Exemption—in Alameda County, Cal. (San Jose Industrial Lead)

On December 12, 2012, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (SCVTA) jointly 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 for UP to abandon its freight operating easement on, and for SCVTA, the owner of the line, to abandon its residual common carrier obligation for, a portion of the San Jose Industrial Lead between mileposts 5.38 and 7.35 near the Warm Springs freight rail station in the City of Fremont, a distance of 1.97 miles, in Alameda County, Cal. Petitioners state that the involved segment of rail line is contiguous to the segment between mileposts 7.35 and 16.30 in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties, Cal., for which the Board granted abandonment authority in July 2012.¹ The line

traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 94538 and 94539.

In addition to an exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903, petitioners seek an exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10904 (offer of financial assistance (OFA) provisions) and 49 U.S.C. 10905 (public use provisions). In support, petitioners state that the line is to be abandoned for freight rail service, but will be retained and rebuilt for future inclusion in the Bay Area Rapid Transit System. Petitioners assert that the right-of-way is thus needed for a valid public purpose and that there is no overriding public need for continued freight rail service. These requests will be addressed in the final decision.

According to petitioners, the line does not contain Federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in petitioners' 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 issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by April 1, 2013.

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 \$1,600 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 January 22, 2013. 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 Nos. AB 33 (Sub-No. 309X) and AB 980 (Sub-No. 2X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001; and (2) petitioners' representatives, Mack H. Shumate, Jr., 101 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1920, Chicago, IL 60606 (UP), and Allison I. Fultz, 1001 Connecticut Ave. NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036 (SCVTA). Replies to the petition are due on or before January 22, 2013.

¹ See *Union Pac. R.R.—Aban. of Freight Easement—in Alameda and Santa Clara Cntys. Cal.*, AB 33 (Sub-No. 303X) and *Santa Clara Valley*

Transp. Auth.—Aban. of Common Carrier Service—in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties, Cal., AB 980 (Sub-No. 1X) (STB served July 23, 2012).