

PHMSA has conducted a preliminary analysis of the exemptions found in state one-call laws and regulations. PHMSA is in the process of developing a plan for addressing grant eligibility in accordance with the law and will continue to work with stakeholders concerning this requirement. This public forum will allow PHMSA, state pipeline safety representatives, excavators, pipeline operators, one-call centers, the public, facility locators, and stakeholders often affected by one-call exemptions such as railroads, local government and the farming community to share data and observations resulting from one-call exemptions and the impact of removing such exemptions. This input will facilitate PHMSA's ability to complete the study required in Section 3 of the law.

Participants of the public forum will benefit from: (1) Understanding the issue and the current status of states with regard to exemptions in one-call laws; (2) understanding the issues concerning the availability of data to support or challenge existing exemptions; and (3) listening to panelists present perspectives, both positive and negative, on the existence of exemptions in state one-call laws.

Interested persons may obtain more information on damage prevention at: <http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/DamagePrevention.htm>.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 8, 2013.

Linda Daugherty,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Policy and Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35714]

Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad Company—Lease Exemption—the United States of America

Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad Company (PSAP), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease from the United States of America (the Navy), and to operate, pursuant to a lease agreement dated January 16, 2013, a 44-mile line of railroad between Shelton and Bangor, Wash., and a 4.6-mile branch line to the Bremerton Navy Yard, in Kitsap and Mason Counties, Wash., a total distance of approximately 48.6 miles (the Line).

According to PSAP, there are no mileposts on the Line. PSAP states that

the lease agreement replaces a transportation agreement dated December 11, 1944, between the Navy and the Northern Pacific Railway Company (Northern Pacific)¹ that covers the operations of the Line (operating agreement). PSAP points out that, under the operating agreement, it currently provides service on the above-described 48.6 miles of rail line,² and will continue to provide the same common carrier service under the lease agreement.

PSAP has certified that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in PSAP's becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier but that its projected annual revenue will exceed \$5 million. Accordingly, PSAP is required, at least 60 days before this exemption is to become effective, to send notice of the transaction to the national offices of the labor unions with employees on the affected lines, post a copy of the notice at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines, and certify to the Board that it has done so. 49 CFR 1150.42(e).

PSAP has certified to the Board that, on January 24, 2013, it posted notice of the transaction at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines, and on January 29, 2013, it served a copy of the notice on the national office of the potentially affected employees' labor union, as required under 49 CFR 1150.42(e). However, concurrently with its notice of exemption, PSAP filed a petition for waiver of the 60-day advance labor notice requirement under 1150.42(e), asserting that no employees will be affected by the change from the operating agreement to the lease agreement, and that the transaction will not result in any operational or maintenance changes on the Line. PSAP's waiver request will be addressed in a separate decision.

PSAP states that it intends to consummate the transaction on February 28, 2013 (the effective date of this exemption). The Board will establish in the decision on the waiver request the earliest this transaction may be consummated.

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. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than February 21, 2013.

¹ Northern Pacific is a predecessor of PSAP.

² See *PSAP Operating Co.—Acquis. and Operation Exemption—ParkSierra Corp.*, FD 34200 (STB served May 23, 2002).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35714, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Louis E. Gitomer, Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204.

Board decisions and notices are available at our Web site at www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: February 11, 2013.

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

Derrick A. Gardner,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Secretary

List of Countries Requiring Cooperation With an International Boycott

In accordance with section 999(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Department of the Treasury is publishing a current list of countries which require or may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

On the basis of the best information currently available to the Department of the Treasury, the following countries require or may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

Iraq
Kuwait
Lebanon
Libya
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Syria
United Arab Emirates
Yemen

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