

to the driver's door jamb to meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 567.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be considered, and will be available for examination in the docket at the above addresses both before and after that date. To the extent possible, comments filed after the closing date will also be considered. Notice of final action on the petition will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

Issued on: February 11, 2013.

**Claude H. Harris,**

*Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.*

[FR Doc. 2013-03461 Filed 2-13-13; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4910-59-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2013-0029]

#### Pipeline Safety: Public Forum State One-Call Exemptions

**AGENCY:** Office of Pipeline Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice; public forum.

**SUMMARY:** The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration will sponsor a public forum on state one-call exemptions. The forum will be held on March 14, 2013, in West Palm Beach, Florida at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. At the forum, PHMSA will discuss the requirements of the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty and Job Creation Act of 2011 relating to exemptions in state one-call programs and actions taken to date. In addition, damage prevention stakeholders will discuss existing data relating to this topic and present perspectives during panel discussions.

**DATES:** The public forum will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2013, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST. Name badge pickup and onsite registration will be available starting at 8:30 a.m. Refer to the forum Web site for the agenda and times at: <http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=85>. Please note that the public forum will be webcast live and presentations will be available on the forum Web site within 30 days following the public forum.

**ADDRESSES:** The forum is open to all. There is no cost to attend. The forum

will be held at the Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach, Florida, 33401. PHMSA is holding the forum at this location because it is the same location where the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) 811 Excavation Safety Conference & Expo will be held March 11-14, 2013, and many of the likely attendees for the PHMSA Forum will participate in the CGA Excavation Safety Conference. Attendees can make hotel arrangements for the PHMSA Forum under the CGA room block at a rate of \$199.00 per night. Further details can be found at <http://www.cgaconference.com>.

**Registration:** To help assure that adequate space is provided, all attendees are encouraged to register for the workshop at <http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=85>.

**Comments:** Members of the public may also submit written comments, either before or after the workshop. Comments should reference Docket No. PHMSA-2013-0029. Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- **E-Gov Web Site:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.
- **Mail:** Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- **Hand Delivery:** DOT Docket Management System, Room W12-140, on the ground floor of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Instructions:** Identify the Docket No. at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, submit two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Note: Comments will be posted without changes or edits to <http://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading in the Regulatory Analyses and Notices section of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional information.

**Privacy Act Statement:** Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received for any of our dockets. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the

**Federal Register** published April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477).

**Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities:** For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, please contact Annmarie Robertson at 317-253-1622, or by email at [annmarie.robertson@dot.gov](mailto:annmarie.robertson@dot.gov) by March 4, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Annmarie Robertson, Office of Pipeline Safety, at 317-253-1622 or email at [annmarie.robertson@dot.gov](mailto:annmarie.robertson@dot.gov), regarding the subject matter of this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3 of the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty and Job Creation Act of 2011 (Pub. L. 112-90) requires that PHMSA address exemptions in state one-call laws in two ways: As a factor in determining eligibility for certain grants, and in a requirement to prepare a state-by-state exemption study. With respect to grant eligibility, in order to qualify for a state one-call grant under 49 U.S.C. 6106, a state may not provide any exemptions to municipalities, state agencies, or their contractors from the one-call notification system requirements of the program. This amendment takes effect 1/3/2014.

With respect to the study on the impact of exemptions on pipeline safety, Section 3(d) states:

(1) Study.—The Secretary of Transportation shall conduct a study on the impact of excavation damage on pipeline safety.

(2) Contents.—The study shall include—

(A) an analysis of the frequency and severity of different types of excavation damage incidents;

(B) an analysis of exemptions to the one-call notification system requirements in each State;

(C) a comparison of exemptions to the one-call notification system requirements in each State to the types of excavation damage incidents in that State; and

(D) an analysis of the potential safety benefits and adverse consequences of eliminating all exemptions for mechanized excavation from State one-call notification systems.

(3) Report.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the results of the study.

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.*

[FR Doc. 2013-03369 Filed 2-13-13; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4910-60-P**

## 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)<sup>1</sup> 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,<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup> Northern Pacific is a predecessor of PSAP.

<sup>2</sup> 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](http://www.stb.dot.gov).

Decided: February 11, 2013.

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

**Derrick A. Gardner,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

[FR Doc. 2013-03451 Filed 2-13-13; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4915-01-P**

## 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

Dated: February 7, 2013.

**Danielle Rolfes,**

*International Tax Counsel (Tax Policy).*

[FR Doc. 2013-03339 Filed 2-13-13; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4810-25-M**