

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Research and Innovative Technology Administration****Intelligent Transportation Systems Program Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

**AGENCY:** ITS Joint Program Office, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Program Advisory Committee (ITS PAC) will hold a meeting on August 7, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EST), and on August 8, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EST) in Salon F of the Crystal City Marriott at Reagan National Airport, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

The ITS PAC, established under Section 5305 of Public Law 109-59, Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, August 10, 2005, and re-established under Section 53003 of Public Law 112-141, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century, July 6, 2012, was created to advise the Secretary of Transportation on all matters relating to the study, development, and implementation of intelligent transportation systems. Through its sponsor, the ITS Joint Program Office (JPO), the ITS PAC makes recommendations to the Secretary regarding ITS Program needs, objectives, plans, approaches, content, and progress.

The following is a summary of the tentative meeting agenda. August 7: (1) ITS JPO Program Update, (2) Review of Draft NHTSA Letter, (3) Discussion of Report on Deployment Incentives, (4) ITS Strategic Plan Update, and (5) Committee Discussion of ITS Strategic Plan Review. August 8: (1) Subcommittee Meetings to Finalize Recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary), (2) Subcommittee Reports on Recommendations to the Secretary, and (3) Discussion of Final Recommendations to the Secretary.

The meeting will be open to the public, but limited space will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public who wish to present oral statements at the meeting must request approval from Mr. Stephen Glasscock, the Committee Designated Federal Official, at (202) 366-9126, no later than July 31, 2013.

Questions about the agenda or written comments may be submitted by U.S.

Mail to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, ITS Joint Program Office, Attention: Stephen Glasscock, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., HOIT, Washington, DC 20590 or faxed to (202) 493-2027. The ITS Joint Program Office requests that written comments be submitted not later than July 31, 2013.

Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the General Services Administration regulations (41 CFR Part 102-3) covering management of Federal advisory committees.

Issued in Washington, DC, on the 15th day of July 2013.

**John Augustine,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Surface Transportation Board**

**[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 343X)]**

**Central of Georgia Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Newton County, Ga.**

Central of Georgia Railroad Company (CGA)<sup>1</sup> has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 14.90 miles of rail line between milepost E 65.80 (at the point of the line's crossing of Route 229 in Newborn) and milepost E 80.70 (near the intersection of Washington Street SW., and Turner Lake Road SW., in Covington), in Newton County, Ga. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 30014, 30055, and 30056.

CGA has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least two years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the line for at least two years, and if there were any overhead traffic, it could be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(c) (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12

(newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on August 20, 2013, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>2</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>3</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by July 29, 2013. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by August 8, 2013, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to CGA's representative: Robert A. Wimbish, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

CGA has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by July 26, 2013. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to OEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling OEA at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be

<sup>2</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C. 2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>3</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,600. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

<sup>1</sup> CGA is a wholly owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company.