DENIALS—Continued

11679–N	Request by Dorbyl Engineering Container Division (DHE) Republic of South Africa to authorize the manufacture, mark and sale of non-DOT specification portable tanks, mounted in ISO frames, to be used for the transportation in commerce of Division 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 material denied June 2, 1997.
11700–N	Request by Cryodyne Technologies, Inc. Madison, CT to authorize the transportation in commerce of non-flammable, non-toxic compressed gases, Division 2.2, in foreign made cylinders from the port area to a compressed gas company where the materials are repackaged into DOT authorized compressed gas cylinders for shipment to domestic users of the material denied February 19, 1997.
11717–N	Request by Matheson Gas Products, Secaucus, NJ to authorize the transportation in commerce of non-flammable, non-toxic compressed gasses in foreign made cylinders from the port of entry to a compressed gas company where the materials will be repacked into DOT authorized compressed gas cylinders for shipment to domestic users of the material denied March 13, 1997.
11741–N	Request by Park Metallurgical Corp., Detroit, MI to authorize the emergency transportation in commerce of sodium cyanide mixture dry in reused metal drums, UN1A2/X125/S not permanently marked to the minimum thickness criteria denied February 28, 1997.
11805–N	Request by Persons represented by the NPGA, Washington, DC to authorize the transportation in commerce of certain DOT Specification MC–330 and MC–331 cargo tanks, containing Propane, which do not meet the self-closing stop valve and excess flow valve requirements and to continue construction, certification, inspection and testing denied January 13, 1997.
11806–N	Request by Mississippi Tank Co., Hattiesburg, MS to authorize the transportation in commerce of certain DOT Specification MC–330 and MC–331 cargo tanks, containing compressed gases, which do not meet the self-closing stop valve and excess flow valve requirements and to continue construction, certification, inspection and testing denied January 13, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33473]

Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd.; Trackage Rights Exemption; The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. (IAIS), between the connection of the parties at East Moline, IL, at or near milepost 246.17, and the connection of the parties at Rock Island, IL, at or near milepost 253.51, all within Rock Island County, IL. The total distance of the trackage rights is approximately 7.34 miles. The transaction is be consummated on or soon after October 21, 1997, the effective date of the exemption.

The purpose of the proposed trackage rights is for IAIS and BNSF to improve operational and maintenance efficiencies and to combine operations over parallel lines of railroad which BNSF and IAIS have in or near the cities of Rock Island, Moline, and East Moline, IL.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33473, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423–0001 and served on: T. Scott Bannister, Secretary & General Counsel, Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd., 1300 Des Moines Building, 405 Sixth Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309.

Decided: October 20, 1997.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB–391 (Sub–No. 3X)]

Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Benson County, ND

Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company (RRVW) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon an approximately 11.94-mile line of railroad from approximately milepost 16.56, approximately one mile west of state highway 30, near Maddock to approximately milepost 28.5 near Esmond, in Benson County, ND. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 58332.

RRVW has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic moving over the line; (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 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 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 R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 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 November 28, 1997, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve

environmental issues,[1] formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),[2] and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by November 10, 1997. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by November 18, 1997, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Jo A. DeRoche, Esq., Weiner, Brodsky, Sidman & Kider, P.C., 1350 New York Avenue., N.W., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005–4797.

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

RRVW has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by Novenber 3, 1997. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565–1545. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), RRVW shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by RRVW's filing of a notice of consummation by October 29, 1998, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Decided: October 21, 1997.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[1] The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See Exemption of Out-of-Service 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.

[2] Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at $900. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Domestic Finance; Notice of Open Meeting of the Advisory Committee U.S. Community Adjustment and Investment Program

The Department of the Treasury, pursuant to the North American Free Trade Agreement (''NAFTA'') Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103–182), established an advisory committee (the ''Advisory Committee'') for the community adjustment and investment program (the ''Program''). The Program will provide financing to businesses and individuals in communities adversely impacted by NAFTA to create new jobs. The charter of the Advisory Committee has been filed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (Pub. L. 92–463), with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Advisory Committee consists of nine members of the public, appointed by the President, who collectively represent: (1) Community groups whose constituencies include low-income families; (2) scientific, professional, business, nonprofit, or public interest organizations or associations, which are neither affiliated with, nor under the direction of, a government; and (3) for-profit business interests.

The objectives of the Advisory Committee are to: (1) Provide informed advice to the President regarding the implementation of the Program; and (2) review on a regular basis, the operation of the Program, and provide the President with the conclusions of its review. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 12916, dated May 13, 1994, the President established an interagency committee to implement the Program and to receive, on behalf of the President, advice of the Advisory Committee. The committee is chaired by the Secretary of the Treasury.