announce availability of the agency's proposed strategic plan for formal review and comment by all individuals and organizations interested in highway safety, vehicle safety, injury prevention, customer service, program delivery and non-safety activities of NHTSA. Comments should address specific information presented in the strategic plan and if warranted, be accompanied by supporting information. It is requested (but not required) that ten copies of the comments be submitted. Comments, exclusive of attachments, should not exceed fifteen pages (49 CFR 553.21).

Comments received by closing date (listed below) will be considered, and can be examined in the docket room (address below) and on the Internet (DOT Home Page) before and after that date. Comments filed after the closing date will be considered to the extent possible. Relevant information will continue to be filed as it becomes available, thus it is recommended that interested persons continue to examine the docket for new material. People/organizations desiring to be notified of receipt of their comments should include a self-addressed, stamped postcard, and upon official receipt of your comments, the docket supervisor will mail your postcard to you.

Issued on March 23, 1998.

William H. Walsh,

Associate Administrator for Plans and Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33572]

Union Pacific Railroad Company—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 Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) over two segments of BNSF's line: (1) between Council Bluffs, IA, at milepost 483.6 on BNSF's Bayard Subdivision (at a point which is equal to milepost 12.8 on BNSF's Omaha Subdivision) and Hastings, NE, at milepost 156.5 on BNSF's Hastings Subdivision, a distance of approximately 214.6 miles over a segment which extends from Council Bluffs through Omaha, NE, Ashland, NE, Lincoln, NE, Crete, NE, and Fairmont, NE, to Hastings, for the period March 30, 1998, through July 15, 1998; and (2) between Hastings, NE, at milepost 156.5 on BNSF's Hastings Subdivison and Northport, NE, at milepost 34.4 on BNSF's Angora Subdivision, a distance of approximately 387.7 miles over a segment which extends from Hastings though Holdredge, NE, Oxford, NE, Culbertson, NE, Wray, CO, East Brush, CO, Sterling, CO, and Sidney, NE, to Northport, for the period March 30, 1998, through September 30, 1998.[1]

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or after March 30, 1998.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to permit UP to use the BNSF trackage when UP's trackage is out of service for scheduled programmed track, roadbed and structural maintenance.

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 it 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. 33572, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Joseph D. Anthofer, Esq., 1416 Dodge Street, #830, Omaha, NE 68179.

Decided: March 25, 1998.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[1] On March 23, 1998, UP filed a petition for exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 33572 (Sub-No. 1), *Union Pacific Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company*, wherein UP requests that the Board permit the overhead trackage rights arrangement described in the present proceeding to expire for the portion of track between Council Bluffs and Hastings effective July 16, 1998, and to expire for the portion of track between Hastings and Northport effective October 1, 1998. That petition will be addressed by the Board in a separate decision.

UNITED STATES ENRICHMENT CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: United States Enrichment Corporation.

SUBJECT: Board of Directors.

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m., Friday, April 3, 1998.

PLACE: Telephone Meeting.

STATUS: The Board meeting will be closed to the public. This meeting has been rescheduled from Thursday, April 2, 1998.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Issues related to the privatization of the Corporation and other commercial, financial and operational issues of the Corporation.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Joseph Tomkowicz 301/564–3345.

Dated: March 31, 1998.

William H. Timbers, Jr.,

President and Chief Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with Public Law 103–446, gives notice that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans will be held from Monday, April 27, through Wednesday, April 29, 1998, in Washington, DC. The purpose of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of VA benefits and services for minority veterans, to assess the needs of minority veterans and to evaluate whether VA compensation, medical and rehabilitation services, outreach, and other programs are meeting those needs. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

The meeting will convene in room 230, VA Central Office (VACO) Building, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. On Monday, April 27, the Committee will focus on VA health care delivery to minority veterans and receive reports from Veterans Health Administration officials on implementation of the Advisory Committee's recommendations contained in its two previous annual reports. The Committee will also receive testimony from several Veterans Service Organizations. On Tuesday, April 28,