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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation****Advisory Board; Notice of Meeting**

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. I), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC), to be held from 1 p.m.–3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at the Great Lakes Room of the Coast Restaurant, 931 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202. The agenda for this meeting will be as follows: Opening Remarks; Consideration of Minutes of Past Meeting; Quarterly Report; Old and New Business; Closing Discussion; Adjournment.

Attendance at the meeting is open to the interested public but limited to the space available. With the approval of the Administrator, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing further information should contact, not later than March 30, 2007, Anita K. Blackman, Chief of Staff, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; 202-366-0091.

Any member of the public may present a written statement to the Advisory Board at any time.

Issued at Washington, DC, on March 13, 2007.

**Collister Johnson, Jr.,**  
Administrator.

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

[STB Finance Docket No. 35004]

**The Kansas City Southern Railway Company—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company**

Pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement dated February 28, 2007, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has agreed to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to The Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCSR): (1) On UP's Little Rock Subdivision, extending between milepost 51.0 at Jefferson, TX, and milepost 344.3 at

North Little Rock, AR; and (2) on UP's Van Buren and Wagoner Subdivisions, extending between milepost 344.3 at North Little Rock, AR, and milepost 526.7 at Sallisaw, OK, a distance of approximately 379.3 miles.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on April 5, 2007, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the exemption was filed). The temporary trackage rights are scheduled to expire on July 1, 2007.

The sole purpose of the temporary trackage rights is to facilitate the bridging of KCSR's train service while KCSR's lines on its Shreveport and Heavener Subdivisions are out of service due to maintenance operations over those Subdivisions.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the acquisition of the temporary 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), and any employees affected by the discontinuance of those trackage rights will be protected by the conditions set out in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8). 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 effectiveness of the exemption. Stay petitions must be filed by March 29, 2007 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35004, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-1001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on William A. Mullins, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

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Decided: March 9, 2007.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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

[STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 448X)]

**BNSF Railway Company—  
Abandonment Exemption—in Thurston County, WA**

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 0.86-mile line of railroad that extends between Engineering Station 476+09 and Engineering Station 521+42 near Olympia, in Thurston County, WA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 98502.

BNSF has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic handled on the line can 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 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 April 17, 2007, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an

<sup>1</sup> 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 (SEA) 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.

OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by March 26, 2007. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by April 5, 2007, with: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to BNSF's representative: Sidney L. Strickland, Jr., Sidney Strickland and Associates, PLLC, 3050 K Street, NW., Suite 101, Washington, DC 20007.

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

BNSF has filed environmental and historic reports which address the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by March 23, 2007.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 245-0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] 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.

<sup>2</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,300. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), BNSF 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 BNSF's filing of a notice of consummation by March 16, 2008, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: March 8, 2007.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Enhanced-Use Lease Development of Property at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center in Sepulveda, CA

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to enter into an enhanced-use lease.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) intends to enter into two enhanced-use leases with a joint venture consisting of two not-for-profit organizations. Each enhanced-use lease will include a building with an underlying parcel of land. Both parcels are located on approximately 5 acres of the VA

Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center campus in Sepulveda, California. The lessee would develop, finance, renovate, construct, manage, maintain and operate the buildings to provide permanent supportive housing and ancillary services for the homeless, with priority placement for homeless veterans within the community. In addition to such property enhancements and veteran services, VA would receive consideration for the lease, in the form of in-kind services such as training, use of space, and professional counseling services to veteran tenants, and cash in the form of a percentage of revenues from certain filmmaking activities on the property.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

William Sexton, Office of Asset Enterprise Management (004B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-9470.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title 8

U.S.C. 8161 *et seq.* states that the Secretary may enter into an enhanced-use lease if he determines that the implementation of a business plan proposed by the Under Secretary for Health for applying the consideration under such a lease to the provision of medical care and services would result in a demonstrable improvement of services to eligible veterans in the geographic service-delivery area within which the property is located. This project meets this requirement.

Approved: March 8, 2007.

**R. James Nicholson,**

*Secretary of Veterans Affairs.*

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