

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Coast Guard****[CGD08-00-008]****Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee Meeting****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC) and its working committees will meet to discuss waterway improvements, aids to navigation, Houston/Galveston-area projects impacting safety on the Houston Ship Channel, and various other navigation safety matters in the Houston/Galveston area. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The next meeting of HOGANSAC will be held on Wednesday, May 24, 2000 from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 11 a.m. The meeting of the Committee's working groups will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2000 at 10 a.m. The meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Members of the public may present written or oral statements at either meeting.

ADDRESSES: The HOGANSAC meeting will be held in the conference room of the Houston Pilots' Office, 8150 South Loop East, Houston, TX. The working group meeting will be held at the Houston Yacht Club, 3620 Miramar, Seabrook, TX.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Captain Wayne Gusman, Executive Director of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5199; or Commander Peter Simons, Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5164.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agendas of the Meetings*Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC)*

The tentative agenda includes the following:

- (1) Opening remarks by the Committee Sponsor (RADM Pluta) (or the Committee Sponsor's representative), Executive Director (CAPT Gusman) and Chairman (Tim Leitzell).
- (2) Swearing in of new Committee members
- (3) Approval of the January 28, 2000 minutes.
- (4) Status of dredging projects.
- (5) Barge lanes.

- (6) Facility mooring depths data collection.
- (7) Hurricane restoration plan.
- (8) Eighth Coast Guard District, Office of Aids to Navigation, presentation on aids to navigation reconfiguration schedule.
- (9) Seaman's Church Institute presentation on Houston simulator project.
- (10) New business.

Working Committee Meeting

The tentative agenda for the working committee meeting includes the following:

- (1) Presentation by each work group of its accomplishments and plans for the future.
- (2) Review and discuss the work completed by each work group.

Work groups were formed to examine the following issues: hurricane contingency plan, PORTS funding/TCOON operability, dredging and related issues, barge lanes, electronic navigation systems, port emergency communications committee/internet site, AtoN knockdowns, VTS radio frequency congestion.

All work groups may not necessarily report out at this session. Further, work group reports may not necessarily include discussions on all issues within the particular work group's area of responsibility.

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Members of the public may make oral presentations during either meeting.

Information on Services for the Handicapped

For information on facilities or services for the handicapped or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: April 8, 2000.

Paul J. Pluta,

*Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard,
Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board****[STB Docket No. AB-398 (Sub-No. 6X)]****San Joaquin Valley Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Kern County, CA**

San Joaquin Valley Railroad Company (SJVR) has filed a notice of exemption

under 49 CFR part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon an approximately half mile segment of railroad on the Oil City Subdivision, between milepost 311.9 and milepost 312.5 at or near Maltha, in Kern County, CA.¹ The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 93308.²

SJVR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic 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 (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 May 24, 2000, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,³ formal expressions of intent to

¹ See *San Joaquin Valley Railroad Co.—Acquisition and Lease Exemption—Southern Pacific Transportation Company*, Finance Docket No. 31993 (Sub-No. 1) (ICC served Oct. 4, 1993), and *San Joaquin Valley Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Tulare Valley Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 33723 (STB served Mar. 30, 1999).

² Under 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(2), the railroad must file a verified notice with the Board at least 50 days before the abandonment or discontinuance is to be consummated. SJVR, in its verified notice tendered for filing on March 22, 2000, indicated a proposed consummation date of May 15, 2000. Because applicant had failed to publish notice in the newspaper as required, the verified notice was not complete until April 4, 2000, when proof of newspaper publication was received at the Board and hence the notice was not deemed filed until then. Thus, the earliest possible consummation date is May 24, 2000. Applicant's representative has confirmed that the correct consummation date is on or after May 24, 2000.

³ 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

file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),⁴ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by May 4, 2000. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by May 15, 2000, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Fritz R. Kahn, P.C., 1920 N. Street, NW (8th Fl.), Washington, DC 20036-1601.

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

SJVR 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 April 28, 2000. 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), SJVR 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 SJVR's filing of a notice of consummation by April 24, 2001, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Decided: April 18, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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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.

⁴ Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 13, 2000.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 24, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

Financial Management Service (FMS)

OMB Number: 1510-0056.

Form Number: SF 3881.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: ACH Vendor/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment Form.

Description: Payment data will be collected from vendors doing business with the Federal Government. Treasury/FMS will use the information to electronically transmit payments to vendors' financial institutions. The affected public includes (but is not limited to) businesses, State/local governments, corporations, educational institutions, and other organizations.

Respondents: Business of other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 80,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 20,000 hours.

Clearance Officer: Juanita Holder, Financial Management Service 3700 East West Highway, Room 144, PGP II, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Today, the Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury solicits comments on the Interest Rate Risk Appeals package.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before June 23, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Manager, Dissemination Branch, Information Management and Services Division, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, Attention 1550-0084. Hand deliver comments to the Public Reference Room, 1700 G Street, NW., lower level, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on business days. Send facsimile transmissions to FAX Number (202) 906-7755; or (202) 906-6956 (if comments are over 25 pages). Send e-mails to "public.info@ots.treas.gov", and include your name and telephone number. Interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reference Room, 1700 G St. NW., from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on business days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Radu Filimon, Research and Analysis, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 906-5733.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Interest Rate Risk Appeals.

OMB Number: 1550-0084.

Form Number: 1586-A, 1586-I.

Abstract: The two forms give savings associations an opportunity to appeal their interest rate risk capital component which is determined by the Office of Thrift Supervision's interest rate risk model.

Current Actions: OTS proposes to renew this information collection without revision.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Affected Public: Business or For Profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 28 hours.