

and other documents germane to the application in person at the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2000-7257; Notice No. 30]

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee ("ARSAC") meeting.

SUMMARY: FRA announces the next meeting of the RSAC, a Federal Advisory Committee that develops railroad safety regulations through a consensus process. The meeting will address a wide range of topics, including possible adoption of specific recommendations for regulatory action.

DATES: The meeting of the RSAC is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting of the RSAC will be held at the Washington Plaza, 30 Thomas Circle, NW., Washington, DC 20005, (202) 842-1300. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign and oral interpretation can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Trish Butera, or Lydia Leeds, RSAC Coordinators, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6212/6213 or Grady Cothen, Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6302.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), FRA is giving notice of a meeting of the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee ("ARSAC"). The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2003. The meeting of the RSAC will be held at the Washington Plaza, 10

Thomas Circle, NW., Washington, DC 20005, (202) 842-1300. All times noted are eastern standard time.

RSAC was established to provide advice and recommendations to the FRA on railroad safety matters. The Committee consists of 48 individual voting representatives and five associate representatives drawn from among 32 organizations representing various rail industry perspectives, two associate representatives from the agencies with railroad safety regulatory responsibility in Canada and Mexico and other diverse groups. Staffs of the National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Transit Administration also participate in an advisory capacity.

The RSAC meeting topics will include a final briefing on a draft Cab Noise NPRM, if available as a consensus recommendation from the Cab Working Conditions Working Group, in anticipation of a forthcoming mail ballot. The committee will be asked to accept a task for revision and supplementation of Safety Standards for Rail Passenger Service. Finally, FRA will introduce to the Committee a requirement concerning a new Congressionally-mandated study of the cost and benefits of Positive Train Control (PTC) that appears to fall within existing task statements (Nos. 97-4 and 97-5); and the Committee will be asked to authorize consideration of this issue by the PTC Working Group.

In addition to these items of business, the Committee will receive briefings on the following topics: Security update; hazardous materials transportation next steps; development of a new Highway-Rail Crossing/Action Plan; Transport Canada's programs for highway-rail crossing safety and access control; and the Safety Assurance and Compliance Program.

See the RSAC Web site for details on pending tasks at: <http://rsac.fra.dot.gov/>. Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 11, 1996 (61 FR 9740), for more information about the RSAC.

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George A. Gavalla,

Associate Administrator for Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-850X]

St. Croix Valley Railroad Company—Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Pine and Kanabec Counties, MN

On March 19, 2003, St. Croix Valley Railroad Company (SCXY) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to: (1) Abandon its rail easement over a line of the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) between milepost 58.3 at Mora Junction (Brook Park) and milepost 47.6 at Mora, a distance of 10.7 miles;¹ and (2) discontinue rail service pursuant to overhead trackage rights over a rail line of BNSF between Hinckley and Mora Junction (Brook Park), a distance of 8.2 miles, in Pine and Kanabec Counties, MN. The line traverses United States Postal Service zip codes 55007, 55037, and 55051. There are three stations on the line.

The line contains Federally granted rights-of-way. Any requests for documentation should be made to BNSF as the owner of the line.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by July 7, 2003.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,100 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than April 28, 2003. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-850X and must be sent to: (1) Surface

¹ According to SCXY, this segment was embargoed, effective July 22, 2002, due to unsafe track conditions.