

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment on Surplus Property Release at Laurinburg-Maxton Airport, Laurinburg, NC**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Title 49, U.S.C. 47153(c), notice is being given that the FAA is considering a request from the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission to waive the requirement that a 8.342-acre parcel of surplus property, located at the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport, be used for aeronautical purposes.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 3, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this notice may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Atlanta Airports District Office, Attn: Tracie D. Kleine, Program Manager, 1701 Columbia Ave., Suite 2-260, Atlanta, GA 30337-2747.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Larry Barnett, Executive Director of the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission at the following address: 16701 Airport Road, Maxton, NC 28364.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tracie D. Kleine, Program Manager, Atlanta Airports District Office, 1701 Columbia Ave., Suite 2-260, Atlanta, GA 30337-2747, (404) 305-7148. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA is reviewing a request by the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission to release 8.342 acres of surplus property at the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport. The property will be purchased by Crestview Residential Properties, LLC so that they might expand their existing property to facilitate a planned expansion of their business. The net proceeds from the sale of this property will be used for airport purposes. The proposed use of this property is compatible with airport operations.

Any person may inspect the request in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the request, notice and other documents germane to the request in person at the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission.

Issued in Atlanta, Georgia on December 26, 2002.

Scott L. Seritt,
Manager, Atlanta Airports District Office,
Southern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment on Surplus Property Release at Piedmont Triad International Airport, Greensboro, NC**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Title 49, U.S.C. 47153(c), notice is being given that the FAA is considering a request from the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority to waive the requirement that a 18.58-acre parcel of surplus property, located at the Piedmont Triad International Airport, be used for aeronautical purposes.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 3, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this notice may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Atlanta Airport District Office, Attn: Tracie D. Kleine, Program Manager, 1701 Columbia Ave., Suite 2-260, Atlanta, GA 30337-2747.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mickie L. Elmore, Director of Development of the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority at the following address: Post Office Box 35445, Greensboro, NC 27425.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tracie D. Kleine, Program Manager, Atlanta Airports District Office, 1701 Columbia Ave., Suite 2-260, Atlanta, GA 30337-2747, (404) 305-7148. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA is reviewing a request by the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority to release 18.58 acres of surplus property at the Piedmont Triad International Airport. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will purchase the property. The land will be used in connection with the Greensboro Western Urban Loop, a multi-lane, limited access highway that will provide more efficient access to the airport. The net proceeds from the sale of this property will be used for airport purposes. The proposed use of this

property is compatible with airport operations.

Any person may inspect the request in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the request, notice and other documents germane to the request in person at the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 34244]

Portland & Western Railroad, Inc.—Lease and Operations Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

Portland & Western Railroad, Inc. (P&WR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease and operate approximately 76.75 miles of rail line currently owned and operated by The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) from milepost 64.70 located between Quinaby and Salem, OR, to the End of Track at milepost 141.45 near Eugene, OR.¹ In comments filed December 23, 2002, the Oregon Department of Transportation generally supports the transaction.

P&WR certifies that is projected annual revenues will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail

¹ Originally, as part of the transaction, P&WR stated that it intended to grant what it called "incidental" overhead trackage rights to BNSF over the rail line between Bush (milepost 68.6) and Albany (milepost 96.5), and to Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad, Inc. (CORP), between Albany (milepost 96.5) and Eugene (milepost 141.5). Based upon a decision served on December 12, 2002 (December 12 decision), which questioned whether the trackage rights were incidental to the transaction, BNSF, on December 20, 2002, filed a separate trackage rights notice of exemption, accompanied by a motion to dismiss, in STB Finance Docket No. 34304, *The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Portland & Western Railroad, Inc.*, and P&WR, on December 23, 2002, withdrew its request to grant trackage rights to CORP. Also on December 23, 2002, John D. Fitzgerald, on behalf of the United Transportation Union-General Committee of Adjustment, filed a petition for stay of both exemptions, which was denied in *Portland & Western Railroad, Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 34255, *et al.* (STB served Dec. 26, 2002.)