

Authority

Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries * * *; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations * * * and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world." The funding authority for the program above is provided through legislation.

Notice

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Notification

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal Bureau procedures.

Dated: June 30, 2003.

C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4395]

Bureau of Nonproliferation; Partial Lifting of Administrative Measure Imposed on the Scientific Research and Design Institute of Power Technology, aka NIKIET, To Permit U.S. Government Contractors To Receive Certain Information

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A determination has been made, pursuant to section 6 of Executive Order 12938, as amended, to lift in part the import sanction that had been imposed on the Scientific Research and Design Institute of Power Technology, aka NIKIET under a January 8, 1999, determination, for the sole purpose of permitting personnel of U.S. government contractors to receive information that may have been produced or provided by NIKIET at a June 24, 2003 seminar concerning the Kursk 5 RBMK reactor.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 24, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: On general issues: Warren Stern, Senior Coordinator for Nuclear Safety, Bureau of Nonproliferation, Department of State, (202-647-6425). On import ban issues: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, (202-622-2500).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authorities vested in the President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) ("IEEPA"), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 *et seq.*), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, and section 6 of Executive Order 12938, as amended, a determination was made on June 24, 2003 that it is in the foreign policy and national security interests of the United States to lift in part the import sanction imposed January 8, 1999 (64 FR 2935) on the Scientific Research and Design Institute of Power Technology, aka NIKIET for the sole purpose of authorizing U.S. government contractors to receive information that may have been produced or provided by the Scientific Research and Design Institute of Power Technology, aka NIKIET, at a June 24, 2003 seminar concerning the Kursk 5 RBMK reactor.

July 2, 2003.

Andrew K. Semmel,

Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Nonproliferation, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 34365]

New England Transrail, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Lines of Boston and Maine Railroad Company

New England Transrail, LLC, d/b/a the Wilmington and Woburn Terminal Railroad Co. (New England Transrail), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31¹ to acquire and operate, from Boston and Maine Railroad Company (B&M), segments of a line of railroad extending from milepost 13.25 on the Massachusetts Bay Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MBTA) Boston-Concord main line in Woburn, MA (on which B&M retains freight service rights), to a junction with B&M at about milepost 14 on B&M's Wilmington-Woburn-Medford branch, located at a junction south of Eames Street in Wilmington, MA. The line segments are: (1) From milepost 13.25 extending approximately two-tenths of a mile in a northerly direction; (2) from a point at about milepost 14 extending approximately two-tenths of a mile in an easterly direction (including the restoration of a previously removed switch and related track); and (3) from a point near the western end of the track described in (2) above and extending one-tenth of a mile in a southerly direction (including a switch).²

¹ Under 49 CFR 1150.32(b), an exemption normally becomes effective 7 days after the notice is filed. By decision served on June 26, 2003, the Board granted New England Transrail's request to delay the effective date of the exemption from June 26, 2003, until July 11, 2003. By letter filed on July 2, 2003, New England Transrail clarified the line description contained in the notice.

² New England Transrail states in the verified notice of exemption that it also proposes to construct a half-mile of new track to connect the Wilmington-Woburn-West Medford branch at a point just south of Eames Street to the MBTA main line in Woburn. The class exemption at 49 CFR 1150.31 applies to the acquisition and operation of rail properties, not to the construction of rail line. This notice which invokes that rules, exempts New England Transrail's acquisition and operation of the above-described segments, but does not permit the proposed construction to link the line segments acquired here. New England Transrail must seek construction authority from the Board under 49 U.S.C. 10901 and 49 CFR 1150.1 *et seq.* or an exemption from that authority under 49 U.S.C. 10502 and 49 CFR 1121.1 *et seq.* in a separate filing before it may undertake the proposed construction. At that time, the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will conduct the appropriate level of environmental review of the proposed new rail line construction and operation. The environmental review will include any other planned actions that would not occur but for the proposed new rail line, which would likely include a proposed truck-rail reload facility. Before filing for construction