

- Identify segments that are located in high consequence areas;
- Integrate available data on those identified segments;
- Prioritize the highest risk segments from available data on those identified segments; and
- Select the assessment method best suited to assess (pressure-test, internal inspection devices, direct assessment, or alternative method) each high risk segment.

By June 17, 2004, each operator must have begun its preparation to conduct a baseline assessment on at least one high risk segment that the operator has already identified. Preparing to conduct a baseline assessment means that—

- An operator has scheduled for assessment the segments identified prior to June 17, 2004; and
- An operator has started to contract or has entered into a contract with a tool vendor to assess the identified segments; or
- An operator has started to assess the first scheduled segment.

RSPA/OPS also considers that any of the following actions as meeting the intent of the statute that an operator have begun the baseline integrity assessment process by June 17, 2004. The following actions are not the only actions that RSPA/OPS will accept.

- An operator has installed launchers or receivers for internal inspection devices;
- An operator has set up a segment for a pressure test; or
- An operator has completed the pre-assessment step for Direct Assessment.

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Stacey L. Gerard,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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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 at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2003, at the Office of the Administrator, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, room 5424, by conference call. The agenda for this meeting will be as follows: Opening Remarks; Consideration of Minutes of

Past Meeting; Review of Programs; New Business; and Closing Remarks.

Attendance at 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 November 19, 2003, 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.

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Marc C. Owen,

Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Finance Docket No. 34424]

STB Finance Docket No. 34424, Railroad Control Application, Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation—Control—Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company, Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad Company, and The Pittsburgh & Conneaut Dock Company

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Environmental Appendix and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: CN has filed an application with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) seeking approval under 49 U.S.C. 11321-11325 to acquire control of three rail carriers—Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company; Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad Company; and The Pittsburgh & Conneaut Dock Company—from Great Lakes Transportation, LLC (GLT).

CN has met with the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) and has explained to SEA that CN believes that its proposed transaction would not have significant environmental impacts or require further environmental review. Therefore, according to CN, the Board should exercise its authority under 49 CFR 1105.6(d) and find that this transaction is one for which preparation of an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. To afford the public an opportunity to review and comment on CN's conclusion, CN has prepared an

“Environmental Appendix,” which provides further information in support of CN's conclusion. CN has mailed copies of the Environmental Appendix to appropriate government agencies and other interested parties. CN has also placed notices in major newspapers delivered to communities located in the project area announcing the availability of the Environmental Appendix and the opportunity for public review and comment on the Environmental Appendix.

Comments are due to SEA by December 10, 2003. SEA invites written comments on all aspects of the Environmental Appendix and whether there is any reason that the proposed transaction could result in potentially significant environmental impacts warranting preparation of further environmental documentation. SEA will consider all timely written comments on the Environmental Appendix when making its recommendation to the Board about whether there is a need for further environmental review in this case. Comments should be submitted to the address below.

DATES: Comments on the Environmental Appendix are due by December 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments (an original and 10 copies) regarding the Environmental Appendix should be submitted in writing to: Case Control Unit, STB Finance Docket No. 34424, Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20423, to the attention of Phillis Johnson-Ball.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phillis Johnson-Ball, (202) 565-1530 (TDD for the hearing impaired, 1-800-877-8339). To obtain a copy of the Environmental Appendix, you may contact Ms. Johnson-Ball at the number above or Mr. Paul Cunningham, CN's legal representative, at (202) 973-7600. Copies of the Environmental Appendix are available on the Board's Web site <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. Copies are also available for a fee from ASAP Document Solutions, Suite 405, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, phone (202) 293-7878.

By the Board, Victoria Rutson, Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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