

—Drainage Rehabilitation

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: Non-Scheduled Part 135 and Part 121 charter operators.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and at the FAA regional Airports office located at:

Fitzgerald Federal Building, John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York, 11430.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Tri-State Airport Authority.

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Manager, Planning & Programming Branch, Eastern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****Amtrak Reform Council; Notice of First Meeting**

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

ACTION: Notice of First Meeting of the Amtrak Reform Council.

SUMMARY: As provided in Section 203 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) gives notice of the first meeting of the Amtrak Reform Council ("ARC"). The purpose of the meeting is to begin to develop a work plan for the ARC, to establish certain administrative procedures, including a process for selection of a chair, and to begin to review Amtrak's current financial and operational structure.

DATES: The first meeting of the ARC is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. EST on Tuesday, May 26, 1998. Decisions regarding future meetings will be made at the first meeting and from time to time thereafter.

ADDRESSES: The first meeting of the ARC will be held in Room 283 in the Hall of States at 444 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Persons in need of special arrangements should contact the person whose name is listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arrigo Mongini, Deputy Associate Administrator for Railroad Development, FRA, RDV-2, Mail Stop 20, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 (mailing address only) or by telephone at (202) 632-3286.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ARC was created by the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (ARAA) as an independent commission to evaluate Amtrak's performance and make recommendations to Amtrak for achieving further cost containment and productivity improvements, and financial reforms. In addition, the ARAA requires: that the ARC monitor cost savings resulting from work rules established under new agreements between Amtrak and its labor unions; that the ARC provide an annual report to Congress that includes an assessment of Amtrak's progress on the resolution of productivity issues; and that after two years the ARC begin to make findings on whether Amtrak can meet certain financial goals and, if not, to notify the President and the Congress.

The ARAA provides that the ARC consist of eleven members, including the Secretary of Transportation and ten others nominated by the President or Congressional leaders. Each member is to serve a 5 year term.

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Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 33556¹ et al.]

Railroad Operation, Acquisition, Construction, Etc: Canadian National Railway Co. et al.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.
ACTION: Decision No. 3 in STB Finance Docket No. 32760 (Sub-No. 26) and Decision No. 3 in STB Finance Docket No. 33556; Denial of general waiver.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (Board) is denying petitions for reconsideration in these proceedings of the requirement that parties submit copies of all textual materials on diskettes (disks) or compact discs (CDs).

¹ These proceedings are not consolidated. A single decision is being issued for administrative convenience only. In addition, this oversight matter was recently assigned the Sub-No. 26 docket number and a new case title.

Parties may, however, seek individual waivers of the disk filing requirement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia M. Farr, (202) 565-1613. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 26, 1998, Joseph C. Szabo, for and on behalf of the United Transportation Union—Illinois Legislative Board (UTUIL), filed a petition for reconsideration of Decision No. 2 in the STB Finance Docket No. 33556 proceeding served and published in the **Federal Register** on March 13, 1998 (63 FR 12574).² On April 20, 1998, UTU Committees³ filed a petition for reconsideration of Decision No. 1 in the STB Finance Docket No. 32760 (Sub-No. 26) proceeding (formerly Decision No. 12 in STB Finance Docket No. 32760 (Sub-No. 21)), which was served on March 31, 1998, and published in the **Federal Register** on April 3, 1998 (63 FR 16628).⁴ The petitions are nearly identical and will be considered together. UTU Committees seek reconsideration of the requirement in these proceedings that all parties submit copies of their textual materials on 3.5 inch IBM-compatible disks or CDs.⁵

² In that decision the Board announced, *inter alia*, that, pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.4(b), Canadian National Railway Company (CNR), Grand Trunk Corporation, and Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated (GTW), Illinois Central Corporation (IC Corp.), Illinois Central Railroad Company (ICR), Chicago, Central and Pacific Railroad Company, and Cedar River Railroad Company (collectively, applicants) had notified us of their intent to file an application seeking authority under 49 U.S.C. 11323-25 for the acquisition of control, by CNR, through its indirect wholly owned subsidiary Blackhawk Merger Sub, Inc., of IC Corp., and through it of ICR and its railroad affiliates, and for the resulting common control by CNR of GTW and its railroad affiliates and ICR and its railroad affiliates. The Board found this to be a major transaction as defined in 49 CFR part 1180.

³ In what is now STB Finance Docket No. 32760 (Sub-No. 26), the petition for reconsideration was filed by UTU-IL, and by United Transportation Union-General Committee of Adjustment (GO-386), United Transportation Union-General Committee of Adjustment (GO-401), and United Transportation Union-General Committee of Adjustment (ALS). We will refer to the petitioners in both proceedings collectively as UTU Committees.

⁴ In that decision, the Board instituted a proceeding as part of the 5-year oversight condition that it imposed in *Union Pacific Corporation, Union Pacific Railroad Company, and Missouri Pacific Railroad Company—Control and Merger—Southern Pacific Rail Corporation, Southern Pacific Transportation Company, St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company, SPCSL Corp., and The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company*, Finance Docket No. 32760 (*UP/SP Merger*), Decision No. 44 (STB served Aug. 12, 1996), to examine additional remedial conditions to the UP/SP merger as they pertain to rail service in the Houston, Texas/Gulf Coast region.

⁵ In Decision No. 2 at 3 and Decision No. 1 at 3, we directed that:

[i]n addition to submitting an original and 25 copies of all paper documents filed with the Board, the parties shall also submit, on diskettes or