

activities and decisions to ensure that the proposed technical solutions do not conflict with their sponsoring organization's position when the subject being negotiated is presented to ARAC for approval.

Once the working group has begun deliberations, members will not be added or substituted without the approval of the assistant chair, the assistant executive director, and the working group co-chairs.

The Secretary of Transportation determined that the formation and use of the ARAC is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

Meetings of the ARAC will be open to the public. Meetings of the Design for Security Harmonization Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. The FAA will make no public announcement of working group meetings.

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Brenda D. Courtney,

Acting Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Security Advisory Committee; Meeting

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Aviation Security Advisory Committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held June 21, 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., 10th floor, MacCracken Room, Washington, DC 20591, telephone 202-267-7622.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. 11), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Aviation Security Advisory Committee to be held June 21, 2001, at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., 10th floor, MacCracken Room, Washington, DC. The agenda for the meeting will include: Review of Rulemaking Activities, Update on the Status of the Verification Card Program Pilot, RTCA Committee on Access Control Standards and the FAA/ACC Airport Terminal Workshop Series,

Weapons of Mass Destruction/Bio-Chemical, A Common Strategy, and Aviation Security Contingency Plan Working Group. The meeting is open to the public but attendance is limited to space available. Members of the public may address the committee only with the written permission of the chair, which should be arranged in advance. The chair may entertain public comment if, in its judgment, doing so will not disrupt the orderly progress of the meeting and will not be unfair to any other person. Members of the public are welcome to present written material to the committee at any time. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the Office of the Associate Administrator for Civil Aviation Security, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone 202-267-7622.

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Lynne A. Osmus,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Civil Aviation Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2001-9270]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance; Extension of Comment Period

On April 6, 2001, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 18351) notice of the petition of Wabtec Railway Electronics (Wabtec) in which Wabtec seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from a provision of the "Railroad Power Brake and Drawbars" regulations regarding two-way end-of-train devices (49 CFR 232.23(f)(2)).

FRA invited interested parties to participate in this proceeding by submitting comments to the DOT Central Docket Management Facility by May 11, 2001. It has come to our attention that due to an administrative error on the part of the agency, an incomplete copy of Wabtec's petition was filed in the public docket (Docket No. FRA-2001-9270). That error has been corrected and a complete copy of Wabtec's submission is now filed in the docket as Document No. 5.

Inasmuch as interested parties may have had incomplete information on which to base comments in this proceeding, FRA is extending the comment period to July 11, 2001. Comments and other communications concerning this proceeding should be

submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Comments received by that date will be considered by FRA before final action is taken in this proceeding. All written communications concerning this proceeding are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at the DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying at the docket facility's web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Issued in Washington, DC on June 6, 2001.

Michael T. Haley,

Acting Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Research and Development Programs Meeting

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will describe and discuss specific research and development projects. Further, the notice requests suggestions for topics to be presented by the agency.

DATES AND TIMES: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will hold a public meeting devoted primarily to presentations of specific research and development projects on Thursday, July 26, 2001, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and ending at approximately 5 p.m. The deadline for interested parties to suggest agenda topics is 5 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 2001. Questions may be submitted in advance regarding the agency's research and development projects. They must be submitted in writing by Friday, July 6, 2001, to the address given below. If sufficient time is available, questions received after the July 6 date will be answered at the meeting during the discussion period. The individual, group, or company asking a question does not have to be present for the question to be answered. A consolidated list of answers to questions submitted by July 6 will be available at the meeting and will be mailed to requesters after the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Baltimore/Washington International (BWI) Airport Marriott, 1743 West Nursery Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21240, telephone number (410) 859-8300. Suggestions for specific research and development topics as described below and questions for the July 26, 2001, meeting relating to the agency's research and development programs should be submitted to the Office of the Associate Administrator for Research and Development, NRD-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 6206, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The fax number is (202) 366-5930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In recent years, since April 1993, NHTSA has provided detailed information about its research and development programs in presentations at a series of public meetings. The purpose is to make available more complete and timely information regarding the agency's research and development programs. This is the twenty-ninth meeting in that series, and it will be held on Thursday, July 26, 2001, at the BWI Airport Marriott, 1743 West Nursery Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21240.

NHTSA requests suggestions from interested parties on specific agenda topics to be presented at this meeting. NHTSA will base its decisions about the agenda, in part, on the suggestions it receives by 5 p.m. on July 2, 2001. Before the meeting, NHTSA will publish a notice with an agenda listing the research and development topics to be discussed. The agenda can also be obtained by calling or faxing the request to the telephone numbers listed in this notice, through the E-mail address listed in this notice, or from NHTSA's Web site at URL <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/announce/meetings/>.

NHTSA asks that the suggestions be limited to three topics, in priority order, so that the presentations at the July 26, 2001, meeting can be most useful to the audience. Specific research and development topics are listed below. Many of these topics have been discussed at previous meetings. Suggestions for agenda topics are not restricted to this listing, and interested parties are invited to suggest other research and development topics of specific interest to their organizations or items of general interest. Additionally, if any interested parties would like to make a presentation regarding technical issues concerning any of NHTSA's research programs, information concerning the proposed topic and speaker should be submitted in writing by 5:00 p.m. on July 2, 2001, to the

Office of the Associate Administrator for Research and Development, NRD-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 6206, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The fax number is (202) 366-5930.

Specific R&D topics are:
Fiscal Year 2001 R&D Research Efforts, International Harmonized Research Activities (IHRA),
On-line tracking system for NHTSA's research projects, and
Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN).

Specific Crashworthiness R&D topics are:

Preparation of new dummies for assessment of advanced air bag technology,
Improved frontal crash protection (program status, problem identification, offset testing),
Vehicle compatibility,
Upgrade side crash protection,
Child restraint/air bag interaction (CRABI) dummy testing,
Head and neck injury research,
Lower extremity injury research, and
Thorax injury research.

Specific Crash Avoidance R&D topics are:

National Advanced Driving Simulator (NADS), Intelligent vehicle initiative (the rear-end collision avoidance system operational test),
Drowsy driver monitoring,
Driver workload assessment, and
Lane change/merge collision avoidance system guidelines.

Specific National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA) topics are:

Special crash investigation studies and
Crash avoidance data collection.

Separately, questions regarding research projects that have been submitted in writing not later than 5 p.m. on July 6, 2001, will be answered. The summary minutes of the meeting, copies of materials handed out at the meeting, and answers to the questions submitted for response at the meeting will be available for public inspection in the DOT Docket in Washington, DC, within 3 weeks after the meeting. Copies of this material will then be available at ten cents a page upon request to DOT Docket, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The DOT Docket is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The summary minutes, handouts, and answers to the questions will also be available on NHTSA's Web site URL <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/announce/meetings/>.

NHTSA will provide technical aids to participants as necessary, during the

Research and Development Programs Meeting. Thus, any person desiring the assistance of "auxiliary aids" (e.g., sign-language interpreter, telecommunication devices for deaf persons (TTDs), readers, taped texts, braille materials, or large print materials and/or a magnifying device), please contact Rita Gibbons by telephone on (202) 366-4862, by telefax on (202) 366-5930, or by E-mail at rgibbons@nhtsa.dot.gov by 5 p.m. July 2, 2001.

Should it be necessary to cancel the meeting due to inclement weather or to any other emergencies, a decision to cancel will be made as soon as possible and posted immediately on NHTSA's Web site URL <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/announce/meetings/>. If you do not have access to the Web site, you may call for information at the contact listed below and leave your telephone or telefax number. You will be called only if the meeting is postponed or canceled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rita Gibbons, Staff Assistant, Office of Research and Development, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-4862. Fax number: (202) 366-5930. E-mail: rgibbons@nhtsa.dot.gov.

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H. Keith Brewer,

Acting Associate Administrator for Research and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 179X);
STB Docket No. AB-458X]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Merced County, CA; California Northern Railroad Company—Discontinuance Exemption—in Merced County, CA

On May 22, 2001, the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and the California Northern Railroad Company (CNR) jointly 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, permitting UP to abandon and CNR to discontinue service over a 1.10-mile segment of the Los Banos Branch, extending from milepost 140.07 to milepost 141.17 in Los Banos, Merced County, CA. There are no stations on the line, which traverses U. S. Postal Service Zip Code 93635.