

passengers (and their accompanying baggage) and cargo, as follows: (1) Between any point or points in Germany and any point or points in the United States; (2) between any point or points in the United States and any point or points in a Third country or countries, provided that, except with respect to cargo charters, such service constitutes a part of a continuous operation, with or without a change of aircraft, that includes service to Germany for the purpose of carrying local traffic between Germany and the United States; and, (3) on other charter flights between points in the United States and points in third countries in accordance with the provisions of part 212.

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*Date Filed:* November 30, 2001.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* December 21, 2001.

*Description:*

Application of Northwest Airlines, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. sections 41108 and 41102 and subpart B, requesting issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between a point or points in the United States via intermediate points to a point or points in Portugal and beyond.

**Dorothy Y. Beard,**

*Federal Register Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[CGD08-01-047]

#### Lower Mississippi River Waterways Safety Advisory Committee; Vacancies

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee (LMRWSAC). LMRWSAC advises and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters relating to the transit of vessels and products to and from ports on the Lower Mississippi River.

**DATES:** Application forms should be received by the Coast Guard on or before February 1, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** You may request an application form by writing to U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office New Orleans, 1615 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70112-2711, ATTN: Waterways Management; by calling 504-589-4222; or by faxing 504-589-4241. Send your application in written form to the above street address. This notice and the application form are also available via the internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LT Ricardo Alonso, Committee Administrator of LMRWSAC, telephone (504) 589-4252, fax (504) 589-4241.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Lower Mississippi River Waterways Safety Advisory Committee (LMRWSAC) is a Federal advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. This committee provides local expertise on communication, surveillance, traffic control, anchorages, aids to navigation and other related topics dealing with navigational safety on the Lower Mississippi River. The committee normally meets twice a year at the Hale Boggs Federal Building, 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The committee consists of 24 members who have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience regarding transportation, equipment, and techniques that are used to ship cargo and navigate vessels on the Lower Mississippi River and its connecting navigable waterways, including the Gulf of Mexico.

Each member serves a term of two years. Occasionally, some members may serve consecutive terms. All members serve at their own expense and receive no salary, reimbursement of travel expenses, or other compensation from the Federal Government.

Applications are sought for the following:

- (1) Five members representing River Port Authorities between Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the Head of Passes of the Lower Mississippi River, of which one member shall be from the Port of St. Bernard and one member from the Port of Plaquemines.
- (2) Two members representing vessel owners or ship owners domiciled in the State of Louisiana.
- (3) Two members representing organizations that operate harbor tugs or barge fleets in the geographical area covered by the Committee.
- (4) Two members representing companies that transport cargo or passengers on the navigable

waterways in the geographical area covered by the Committee.

- (5) Three members representing State Commissioned Pilot organizations, with one member each representing the New Orleans/Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association, the Crescent River Port Pilots Association, and the Associated Branch Pilots Association.
- (6) Two at-large members who utilize water transportation facilities located in the geographical area covered by the Committee.
- (7) Three members representing consumers, shippers, or importers/exporters that utilize vessels which utilize the navigable waterways covered by the Committee.
- (8) Two members representing those licensed merchant mariners, other than pilots, who perform shipboard duties on those vessels which utilize navigable waterways covered by the Committee.
- (9) One member representing an organization that serves in a consulting or advisory capacity to the maritime industry.
- (10) One member representing an environmental organization.
- (11) One member representing the general public.

In support of the policy of the Department of Transportation on gender and ethnic diversity, we encourage qualified women and members of minority groups to apply.

If you are selected as a member who represents the general public, we will require you to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). We may not release the report or the information in it to the public, except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a).

Dated: December 10, 2001.

**Roy J. Casto,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eight Coast Guard District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[CGD08-01-046]

#### Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee Meetings

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee

(HOGANSAC) and its working groups will meet to discuss waterway improvements, aids to navigation, area projects impacting safety on the Houston Ship Channel, and various other navigation safety matters in the Galveston Bay area. All meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The next meeting of HOGANSAC will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2002 from 9 a.m. to approximately 12 noon. The meeting of the Committee's working groups will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2002 at 9 a.m. to approximately 11 a.m. The meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Members of the public may present written or oral statements at either meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The full Committee meeting will be held at the Port of Houston Authority Building, 111 East Loop North, Houston, Texas (713-670-2400). The working groups' meeting will be held at the offices of the Galveston-Texas City Pilots, Pelican Island, Galveston, Texas (409-740-3690).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Captain Kevin Cook, Executive Director of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5199; Commander Peter Simons, Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5164; or Lieutenant Junior Grade Kelly Tobey, assistant to the Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5103, e-mail [katohey@vtshouston.uscg.mil](mailto:katohey@vtshouston.uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

#### Agendas of the Meetings

##### *Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC)*

The tentative agenda includes the following:

- (1) Opening remarks by the Committee Sponsor (RADM Casto) (or the Committee Sponsor's representative), Executive Director (CAPT Cook) and Chairman (Tim Leitzell).
- (2) Approval of the October 17, 2001 minutes.
- (3) Old Business.
  - (a) Dredging projects.
  - (b) Electronic navigation.
  - (c) AtoN Knockdown Working Group.
  - (d) Mooring subcommittee report.
  - (e) 2002 Harbor Safety Conference plans.
  - (f) Texas City Container Terminal update.
  - (g) Bolivar Roads anchorage areas.
  - (h) Recreational boating education initiative.

- (4) New Business.
  - (a) State of the Waterway.
  - (b) Bayport Terminal project.
  - (c) Swimmers near Lynchburg.
  - (d) Corps of Engineers survey data reporting.

#### Working Groups Meeting.

The tentative agenda for the working committee meeting includes the following:

(1) Presentation by each working group of its accomplishments and plans for the future.

(2) Review and discuss the work completed by each working group.

Working groups have been formed to examine the following issues: Dredging and related issues, electronic navigation systems, AtoN knockdowns, impact of passing vessels on moored ships, recreational boater education issues, and the 2002 Harbor Safety Conference. All working groups may not necessarily report out at this session, however, working group discussions not reported out at this February meeting will be addressed at a future HOGANSAC meeting. Further, all working group reports may not necessarily include discussions on all issues within the particular working group's area of responsibility. All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Members of the public may make presentations, oral or written, at either meeting.

#### Information on Services for the Handicapped

For information on facilities or services for the handicapped or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director, Executive Secretary, or assistant to the Executive Secretary.

Dated: December 10, 2001.

**Roy J. Casto,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eight Coast Guard District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34100]

#### RailAmerica, Inc.—Control Exemption—ParkSierra Acquisition Corp. and ParkSierra Corp.

RailAmerica, Inc. (RailAmerica), a noncarrier holding company, has filed a verified notice of exemption to acquire control of ParkSierra Corp. (ParkSierra), a Class II railroad, and to continue in

control of ParkSierra Acquisition Corp. (Acquisition), a noncarrier, upon Acquisition's purchase of ParkSierra's stock. Acquisition, a wholly owned subsidiary of RailAmerica, will acquire 100% of the outstanding stock of ParkSierra.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or after January 2, 2002.

On September 18, 2001, as amended on October 3, 2001, RailAmerica also filed a motion for protective order under CFR 1104.14, and a protective order was granted.<sup>1</sup>

RailAmerica states that, as of its filing of the notice of exemption, it controls one Class II and 23 Class III rail common carriers operating in 23 states.

RailAmerica also states that: (i) These railroads do not connect with each other; (ii) the acquisition of control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the railroads with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Because the transaction involves two Class II rail carriers, the transaction will be made subject to the labor protection conditions described in *New York Dock Ry.—Control—Brooklyn Eastern Dist.*, 360 I.C.C. 60 (1979).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34100, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on (1) Gary A. Laakso, Esq., 5300 Broken Sound Blvd. NW, Second Floor, Boca Raton, FL 33487, and (2) Louis E. Gitomer, Esq., Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, N.W., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov).

<sup>1</sup> See *RailAmerica, Inc.—Control Exemption—ParkSierra Acquisition Corp. and ParkSierra Corp.*, STB Finance Docket No. 34100 (STB served Oct. 1, 2001, and Oct. 15, 2001).