

materials on board an aircraft, including proper shipping name, hazard class, quantity, number of packages, and location, to on-scene emergency responders upon notification of an accident or incident;

- Require commercial cargo and passenger operators to report to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration all incidents involving primary and secondary lithium batteries, including those contained in or packed with equipment, that occur either on board or during loading or unloading operations and retain the failed items for evaluation purposes;

- Analyze the causes of all thermal failures and fires involving secondary and primary lithium batteries and, based on this analysis, take appropriate action to mitigate any risks determined to be posed by transporting secondary and primary lithium batteries, including those contained in or packed with equipment, on board cargo and passenger aircraft as cargo; checked baggage; or carry-on items;

- Eliminate regulatory exemptions for the packaging, marking, and labeling of cargo shipments of small secondary lithium batteries (no more than 8 grams equivalent lithium content) until the analysis of the failures and the implementation of risk-based requirements asked for in Safety Recommendation A-07-108 are completed;

- In collaboration with air carriers, manufacturers of lithium batteries and electronic devices, air travel associations, and other appropriate government and private organizations, establish a process to ensure wider, highly visible, and continuous dissemination of guidance and information to the air-traveling public, including flight crews, about the safe carriage of secondary (rechargeable) lithium batteries or electronic devices containing these batteries on board passenger aircraft; and

- In collaboration with air carriers, manufacturers of lithium batteries and electronic devices, air travel associations, and other appropriate government and private organizations, establish a process to periodically measure the effectiveness of your efforts to educate the air-traveling public, including flight crews, about the safe carriage of secondary (rechargeable) lithium batteries or electronic devices containing these batteries on board passenger aircraft.

During the April 11th meeting we plan to distribute and solicit feedback on a draft action plan identifying additional steps that will help to reduce the risk associated with the transport of

lithium batteries, particularly in the air mode.

Topics to be covered during the public meeting include:

- (1) Recent transportation incidents;
- (2) Probable causes of battery incidents;
- (3) NTSB recommendations;
- (4) PHMSA/FAA activities; and
- (5) Action plan with next steps/ additional actions.

In addition, we plan to discuss the effectiveness of stakeholder partnerships in reducing the safety risks posed by the transportation of lithium batteries, ways to facilitate and foster additional stakeholder partnerships, and strategies for expanding the ongoing DOT public awareness campaign.

The public is invited to attend without prior notification. Due to the heightened security measures, participants are encouraged to arrive early to allow time for security checks necessary to obtain access to the building.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 28, 2008.

Theodore L. Willke,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35121]

Burlington Shortline Railroad, Inc., d/b/a Burlington Junction Railway— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—BNSF Railway Company

Burlington Shortline Railroad, Inc., d/b/a Burlington Junction Railway (BJRY), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate, pursuant to an agreement with BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), approximately 2.5 miles of BNSF railroad properties consisting of certain trackage, real properties, and railroad operating rights. The railroad properties consist of two tracks, numbered 3905 and 3930, connecting to a switch at BNSF's main rail line at milepost 39 in Montgomery, IL. There are no mileposts on the subject line.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on April 19, 2008 (more than 30 days after the notice of exemption was filed).

BJRY certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that

qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million.

Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law 110-161, 193, 121 Stat. 1844 (2007), nothing in this decision authorizes the following activities at any solid waste rail transfer facility: collecting, storing or transferring solid waste outside of its original shipping container; or separating or processing solid waste (including baling, crushing, compacting and shredding). The term "solid waste" is defined in section 1004 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. 6903.

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 effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions to stay must be filed no later than April 10, 2008 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35121, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on John D. Heffner, John D. Heffner, PLLC, 1750 K Street, NW., Suite 350, Washington, DC 20006.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: March 26, 2008.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Anne K. Quinlan,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 682X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Greenbrier and Fayette Counties, WV

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 16.7-mile line of railroad on CSXT's Southern Region, Huntington-East Division, Sewell Subdivision, between milepost CAF 27, near Rainelle, and milepost CAF 43.7, near Nallen, in Greenbrier and Fayette Counties, WV. The line traverses United States Postal Service