

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice: 9711]

**U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL): Public Meeting on Electronic Commerce**

The Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law, Department of State, gives notice of a public meeting to discuss a Working Paper prepared by the Secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). The public meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. EDT. This is not a meeting of the full Advisory Committee.

The UNCITRAL Secretariat has revised draft provisions on electronic transferable records, which are presented in the form of a model law, for discussion during the next meeting of UNCITRAL's Working Group IV, which will meet October 31–November 4, 2016. The Working Paper, which will be numbered WP.139 and will include WP.139/Add.1 and WP.139/Add.2, will be available at [http://www.uncitral.org/uncitral/en/commission/working\\_groups/4Electronic\\_Commerce.html](http://www.uncitral.org/uncitral/en/commission/working_groups/4Electronic_Commerce.html).

The purpose of the public meeting is to obtain the views of concerned stakeholders on matters that might be addressed at the upcoming Experts' Group meeting. Those who cannot attend but wish to comment are welcome to do so by email to Michael Coffee at [coffeems@state.gov](mailto:coffeems@state.gov).

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting will take place on October 25, 2016, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. EDT in Room 356, South Building, State Department Annex 4A, Washington, DC 20037. Participants should plan to arrive at the Navy Hill gate on the west side of 23rd Street NW, at the intersection of 23rd Street NW, and D Street NW, by 1:30 p.m. for visitor screening. If you are unable to attend the public meeting and would like to participate from a remote location, teleconferencing will be available.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** This meeting is open to the public, subject to the capacity of the meeting room. Access to the building is strictly controlled. For pre-clearance purposes, those planning to attend should email [pil@state.gov](mailto:pil@state.gov) providing full name, address, date of birth, citizenship, driver's license or passport number, and email address. This information will greatly facilitate entry into the building. A member of the public needing reasonable accommodation should email [pil@state.gov](mailto:pil@state.gov) not later than October 18,

2016. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be able to be fulfilled. If you would like to participate by telephone, please email [pil@state.gov](mailto:pil@state.gov) to obtain the call-in number and other information.

Data from the public is requested pursuant to Public Law 99–399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Public Law 107–56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities.

The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS–D) database. Please see the Security Records System of Records Notice (State-36) at [https://foia.state.gov/\\_docs/SORN/State-36.pdf](https://foia.state.gov/_docs/SORN/State-36.pdf) for additional information.

Dated: September 1, 2016.

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice: 9712]

**U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL): Public Meeting on the Extension of the Cape Town Convention to Agricultural, Construction, and Mining Equipment**

The Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law, Department of State, gives notice of a public meeting to discuss upcoming negotiations in UNIDROIT (the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law) to develop a new Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment. The public meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. EDT. This is not a meeting of the full Advisory Committee.

The Cape Town Convention provides an international framework for the creation, registration, and enforcement of security interests in mobile equipment; separate Protocols are needed to apply the framework to specific types of equipment. The United States is a party to the Convention and to the first Protocol, which covers aircraft. UNIDROIT is now developing a new Protocol that will extend the Convention to cover agricultural, construction, and mining equipment.

An UNIDROIT Study Group has developed a draft of the new Protocol that will serve as the basis for the negotiations in the Committee of Governmental Experts starting in March 2017. Documents for this project are available at <http://www.unidroit.org/work-in-progress-studies/current-studies/mac-protocol>.

The purpose of the public meeting is to obtain the views of concerned stakeholders on the draft Protocol being developed by UNIDROIT. Those who cannot attend but wish to comment are welcome to do so by email to Tim Schnabel at [SchnabelTR@state.gov](mailto:SchnabelTR@state.gov).

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting will take place from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on October 25, 2016, in room 6421, Harry S Truman Building, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20520. Participants should plan to arrive at the C Street entrance by 9:30 a.m. for visitor screening and will be escorted to the conference room. If you are unable to attend in person and would like to participate from a remote location, teleconferencing will be available.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** This meeting is open to the public, subject to the capacity of the meeting room. Access to the building is strictly controlled. For pre-clearance purposes, those planning to attend should email [pil@state.gov](mailto:pil@state.gov) providing full name, address, date of birth, citizenship, driver's license or passport number, and email address. This information will greatly facilitate entry into the building. A member of the public needing reasonable accommodation should email [pil@state.gov](mailto:pil@state.gov) not later than October 17, 2016. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be able to be fulfilled. If you would like to participate by telephone, please email [pil@state.gov](mailto:pil@state.gov) to obtain the call-in number and other information. We ask that each person who intends to participate by telephone notify us directly so that we may ensure that we have adequate dial-in capacity.

Data from the public is requested pursuant to Public Law 99–399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Public Law 107–56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities. The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS–D) database. Please see the Security Records System of Records Notice (State-36) at [https://foia.state.gov/\\_docs/SORN/State-36.pdf](https://foia.state.gov/_docs/SORN/State-36.pdf) for additional information.

Dated: August 31, 2016.

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Department of State.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 385X); Docket No. AB 1246X]

### **Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Kalamazoo, Mich.; and Grand Elk Railroad, L.L.C.—Discontinuance Exemption—in Kalamazoo, Mich.**

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) and Grand Elk Railroad, L.L.C. (GDLK) (collectively, applicants), have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152, subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* for NSR to abandon, and for GDLK to discontinue service over, an approximately 0.1-mile rail line, between mileposts IJ 44.6 and IJ 44.7, in Kalamazoo, Mich. (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 49007 and 49001.

*Applicants have certified that:* (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the Line that would have to be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(c) (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment or discontinuance shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, these exemptions will be effective on

October 13, 2016, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by September 23, 2016. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by October 3, 2016, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: William A. Mullins, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemptions are void ab initio.

Applicants have filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment and discontinuance on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by September 16, 2016. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to OEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling OEA at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), NSR shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the Line. If consummation has not been effected by NSR's filing of a notice of consummation by September 13, 2017, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

<sup>1</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>2</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,600. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "[WWW.STB.DOT.GOV](http://WWW.STB.DOT.GOV)."

Decided: September 8, 2016.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **Notice of Release From Federal Grant Assurance Obligations at Tucson International Airport, Tucson, Pima County, Arizona**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of request to release airport land.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application for a release of approximately 3 acres of airport property at Tucson International Airport, Tucson, Pima County, Arizona, from all conditions contained in the Grant Assurances since the parcel of land is not needed for airport purposes. The property will be sold for its fair market value and the proceeds used for airport purposes. The redevelopment of the land for roadway enhancements to property owned by the U. S. Air Force represents a compatible land use that will not interfere with the airport or its operation, thereby protecting the interests of civil aviation.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 13, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Comments on the request may be mailed to the FAA at the following address: Tony Garcia, Airports Compliance Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, **Federal Register** Comment, 15000 Aviation Blvd., Lawndale, CA 90261. In addition, one copy of the comment submitted to the FAA must be mailed to Mr. Eric Roudebush, Director of Environmental Services, Tucson Airport Authority, 7005 South Plumer Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21), Public Law 106-181 (Apr. 5, 2000; 114 Stat. 61), this notice must be published in the **Federal Register** 30 days before the