SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 35995]

South Carolina Division of Public Railways d/b/a Palmetto Railways—Acquisition Exemption—Hampton & Branchville Railroad Company

South Carolina Division of Public Railways d/b/a Palmetto Railways (Palmetto), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire three connecting line segments that constitute the entire rail line of Hampton & Branchville Railroad Company (H&B), a total distance of approximately 45.77 miles in Colleton and Hampton Counties, S.C. (H&B Line): (1) From a connection with CSX Transportation, Inc., at milepost 0.0 in Hampton to milepost 16.8 at H&B Junction, a distance of 16.8 miles; (2) from the end of track at milepost 462.37 in Lodge through H&B Junction and Stokes to the end of track at milepost 443.18 in Walterboro, a distance of 19.19 miles; and (3) from approximately milepost 447 at Stokes to the end of track at milepost 456.78 in Canadys, a distance of 9.78 miles.1

Palmetto has certified that the transaction does not involve any provision or agreement that would limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

Palmetto states that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in Palmetto’s becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier, but that its projected annual revenues will exceed $5 million. Accordingly, Palmetto is required, at least 60 days before this exemption is to become effective, to send notice of the transaction to the national offices of the labor unions with employees on the affected line, post a copy of the notice at the workplace of the employees on the affected line, and certify to the Board that it has done so. 49 CFR 1150.42(e). Palmetto’s verified notice, however, includes a request to waive that requirement. Palmetto states that H&B has not conducted any rail operations in more than three years and does not have any employees, other than its president. Palmetto asserts that providing the 60-day notice would serve no useful purpose because it is merely acquiring the Line to prevent abandonment. Palmetto’s waiver request will be addressed in a separate decision.

Palmetto states that it expects to consummate the transaction on or after August 5, 2016.2 The Board will establish in the decision on the waiver request the earliest date this transaction may be consummated.

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 May 25, 2016.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35995, 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 Thomas J. Litwiler, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at “WWW.STB.DOT.GOV”.

Decided: May 13, 2016.

1 Palmetto states that no rail service has been provided on the H&B Line since H&B’s final customer ceased rail shipments in December 2012. Palmetto also states that the stub track between H&B Junction and Lodge has not been in service since 1986, and the stub track between Stokes and Walterboro has not been in service since 1989. According to Palmetto, certain trackage on both stubs has been removed, but neither segment has been abandoned.

2 Palmetto states that H&B and Palmetto have agreed upon the terms of an Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement providing for Palmetto’s acquisition of all of H&B’s right, title, and interest in the H&B Line. According to Palmetto, the Agreement will be fully executed after Palmetto receives the necessary state agency approvals. Palmetto states that it will concurrently execute a Loan and Security Agreement with Colleton County Intermodal Corporation (CCIC) and Colleton County providing for CCIC’s financing of the acquisition transaction through the issuance of economic development revenue bonds.
2. Accordingly, beginning on May 18, 2016, with respect to eligible products (namely, those goods and services covered under the GPA for procurement by the United States) of Ukraine and suppliers of such products, the application of any law, regulation, procedure, or practice regarding government procurement that would, if applied to such products and suppliers, result in treatment less favorable than that accorded—

(A) to United States products and suppliers of such products, or
(B) to eligible products of another foreign country or instrumentality which is a party to the GPA and suppliers of such products, shall be waived. This waiver shall be applied by all entities listed in United States Annexes 1 and 3 of GPA Appendix 1.

3. The Trade Representative may modify or withdraw the designation in paragraph 1 and the waiver in paragraph 2.

Michael B.G. Froman,
United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Aviation Administration

Eighteenth Meeting: RTCA NextGen Advisory Committee (NAC)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Eighteenth RTCA NextGen Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of the Eighteenth RTCA NextGen Advisory Committee meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held June 17, 2016 from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at The Boeing Company, 929 Long Bridge Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC, 20036, or by telephone at (202) 833–9339, fax at (202) 833–9434, or Web site at http://www.rtca.org or Andy Cebula, NAC Secretary, RTCA, Inc., acebula@rtca.org, (202) 330–0652.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., App.), notice is hereby given for a meeting of RTCA NextGen Advisory Committee. The agenda will include the following:

Friday, June 17, 2016 (9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. EDT)

1. Opening of Meeting/Introduction of NAC Members—Chairman Richard Anderson
2. Official Statement of Designated Federal Official—The Honorable Mike Whitaker, FAA Deputy Administrator & Chief NextGen Officer
3. Review and Approval of February 25, 2016 Meeting Summary
4. Chairman’s Report—Chairman Anderson
5. FAA Report—Mr. Whitaker
6. Airline C/N/S Fleet Plans—JetBlue Equipage
7. ADS–B Update
9. PBN Implementation
10. Joint Analysis Team—Wake ReCat Assessment Recommendation
11. PBN Blueprint Community Outreach Task Group—Recommendation
12. PBN Time, Speed, Spacing Task Group—Interim Report
13. Summary of meeting and next steps
14. Closing Comments—DFO and NAC Chairman
15. Other business
16. Adjourn

Although the NAC meeting is open to the public, the meeting location has security protocols that require advanced registration. Please email bteel@rtca.org with name, company and country of citizenship to pre-register. Attendance is limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Plenary information will be provided upon request. Persons who wish to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Latasha Robinson,
Management & Program Analyst, NextGen, Enterprise Support Services Division, Federal Aviation Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Railroad Administration

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Charter Renewal

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

ACTION: Announcement of charter renewal of the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC).

SUMMARY: FRA announces the charter renewal of the RSAC, a Federal Advisory Committee that develops railroad safety regulations through a consensus process. This charter renewal will take effect on May 16, 2016, and will expire after 2 years.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Larry Woolverton, RSAC Designated Federal Officer/Administrative Officer, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493–6212; or Mr. Robert Lauby, Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety/Chief Safety Officer, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493–6474.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), FRA is giving notice of the charter renewal for the RSAC. The RSAC was established to provide advice and recommendations to FRA on railroad safety matters. The RSAC is composed of 63 voting representatives from 37 member organizations, representing various rail industry perspectives. In addition, there are nonvoting advisory representatives from the agencies with railroad safety regulatory responsibility in Canada and Mexico, the National Transportation Safety Board, the Transportation Safety Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration. The diversity of the committee ensures the requisite range of views and expertise necessary to discharge its responsibilities. See the RSAC Web site for details on pending tasks at: http://rsac.fra.dot.gov/. Please refer to the notice published in the Federal Register on March 11, 1996, 61 FR 9740, for additional information about the RSAC.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 10, 2016.

Robert C. Lauby,
Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety Chief Safety Officer.

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