

of new track involves expansion into new territory. *See City of Detroit v. Canadian National Ry. Co., et al.*, 9 I.C.C.2d 1208 (1993), *aff'd sub nom. Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority v. ICC*, 59 F.3d 1314 (D.C. Cir. 1995). Line relocation projects may embrace trackage rights transactions such as the one involved here. *See D.T.&I.R.-Trackage Rights*, 363 I.C.C. 878 (1981). Under these standards, the incidental abandonment, construction, and trackage rights components require no separate approval or exemption when the relocation project, as here, will not disrupt service to shippers and thus qualifies for the class exemption at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(5).

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

If the 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 STB Finance Docket No. 34168, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Karl Morell, Esq., BALL JANIK LLP, 1455 F Street, NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

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Decided: February 25, 2002.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

National Research Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Research Advisory Council will meet at the Hyatt Dulles,

2300 Dulles Corner Boulevard, Herndon, VA 20171, March 4, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public.

The meeting will begin with opening remarks and an overview by Dr. George Rutherford, Council Chairman. The Council will receive briefings on Biomedical Research Program, Career Development Program, and Research, Education, and Clinical Centers. During the afternoon, the Council will receive briefings on Bioterrorism Issues in VA Research and Intellectual Property Issues. The meeting will conclude with a discussion of above agenda topics, administrative issues and future agenda topics.

Established by the Secretary, the purpose of the Council is to provide external advice and review for VA's research mission. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or wishing further information should contact Ms. Karen Scott, Office of Research and Development at (202) 273–8284.

Dated: February 27, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Nora E. Egan,

Committee Management Officer.

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