

This notice of receipt of an application is published under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120 and does not represent any agency decision or other exercise of judgment concerning the merits of the application.

The noncompliance relates to the mislabeling of approximately 8,824 tires. The tires, produced during the first twenty weeks of 2000, are the MT90-16 71H, Load Range B, motorcycle tires sold to one original equipment manufacturer/customer under the brand names AVON MT90-16 Roadrunner, AVON MT90-16 Gangster, and Avon MT90-16 Indian. These tires were produced with the incorrect maximum load rating on the serial side of the tire during the first through the twentieth production weeks of 2000. Approximately 8,124 of the tires involved have been accounted for in either Cooper's inventory or the inventory of original equipment manufacturer/customer, leaving an estimated 700 tires not accounted for in either inventory.

According to Cooper, this mislabeling does not present a safety-related defect. The tires involved are designed to carry a heavier load (770 lbs.) than the incorrect labeling specified (760 lbs.). Consequently, any misapplication of the tire would be for the user to carry a lighter load than the load for which the tires are designed. The tires produced from this mold during the aforementioned production periods comply with all other requirements of 49 CFR 571.119.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on the application described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. It is requested that two copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated below will be considered. The application and supporting materials, and all comments received after the closing date, will also be filed and will be considered to the extent possible. When the application is granted or denied, the notice will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below. Comment closing date: February 1, 2001.

(49 U.S.C. 301118, 301120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8)

Issued on: December 26, 2000.

Stephen R. Kratzke,

Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA)

[Docket No. RSPA-98-4470]

Pipeline Safety: Meetings of Pipeline Safety Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1) notice is given of the following meetings of the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (TPSSC) and the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (THLPSSC). Both the TPSSC and the THLPSSC are statutorily mandated advisory committees that advise the RSPA's Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) on proposed safety standards and other safety policies for hazardous liquid and natural gas pipelines. Each committee has an authorized membership of 15 persons—five each representing government, industry, and the public. The committees typically meet twice a year, in May and November. However, the next advisory committee meetings will be held on February 6-7, 2001, to allow the committees to review several proposed rules early in the year to allow for the timely completion of these projects.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by mail or deliver to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. It is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. You also may submit written comments to the docket electronically. To do so, log onto the following Internet Web address: <http://dms.dot.gov>. Click on "Help & Information" for instructions on how to file a document electronically. All written comments should identify the docket number stated in the heading of this notice. Anyone desiring confirmation of mailed comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard.

The conference room numbers for this meeting will be posted on the OPS web page approximately 15 days before the meeting date at <http://ops.dot.gov>.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Juan Carlos Martinez at (202) 366-1933.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheryl Whetsel, OPS, (202) 366-4431 or Richard Huriaux, OPS, (202) 366-4565, regarding the subject matter of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Tuesday, February 6, 2001, at 9 a.m., the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (TPSSC) will meet. The preliminary agenda includes discussion of the following issues:

1. Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas (Gas Transmission Pipeline).
2. Revision to Gas Incident/Annual Report Form.
3. Gas Gathering Line Definition.
4. Plastic Pipe Data Committee.

On Tuesday, February 6, 2001, from 1-4 p.m., the TPSSC will be joined by members of the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (THLPSSC) for a joint session. The preliminary agenda includes discussion of the following topics:

1. An Overview of the State of the Pipeline Safety Program (including Reauthorization, Inspector General and General Accounting Office Reports, and National Transportation Safety Board Recommendations, Research and Development Plans).
2. Drug Testing—Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Vote).

On Wednesday, February 7, 2001, from 9 a.m.-11 a.m., the joint meeting will continue with a demonstration of the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS). The Committee will also hear a report on concepts for community right-to-know reporting.

The Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee will meet on Wednesday afternoon from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. The preliminary agenda includes discussion of the following topics:

1. Producer—Operated Outer Continental Shelf Gas & Hazardous Liquid Pipelines that Cross Directly into State Water—Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Vote).
2. Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas for Hazardous Liquid Pipelines < 500 Miles—Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Vote).

3. Controlling Corrosion on Hazardous Liquid and Carbon Dioxide Pipelines—Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Vote).

4. Advisory on Response Plans Under the Oil Pollution Act.

All three meetings are open to the public. An opportunity will be provided for the public to make short statements on the topics under discussion. Anyone wishing to make an oral statement should notify Juan Carlos Martinez, Room 7128, Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 366-1933, not later than January 26, 2001, on the topic of the statement and the time requested for presentation. The presiding officer at each meeting may deny any request to present an oral statement and may limit the time of any presentation.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 60102, 60115.

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Stacey L. Gerard,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33973]

Dallas Area Rapid Transit—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Lines of Union Pacific Railroad Company

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), a political subdivision of the State of Texas, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire (by purchase) approximately .75 miles of rail line owned by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) between approximately milepost 746.25 and approximately milepost 745.5 in the vicinity of Rowlett, TX.¹ DART certifies that its projected revenues will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier.

The earliest the transaction could be consummated was December 21, 2000,

¹ Applicant states that it will grant trackage rights to UP (or UP's designee) on the subject line and that freight railroad operations on the subject line will be conducted by UP (or UP's designee) pursuant to the trackage rights. According to DART, UP (or UP's designee) will seek the Board's approval for the trackage rights in a separate filing.

the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

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 does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33973, 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 Kevin M. Sheys, 1350 Eye Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: December 22, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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