

in order to minimize their potential for distraction.

The proposed NHTSA Guidelines were published in the **Federal Register** on February 24, 2012 (77 FR 11200) and are available on the Web pages listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and also in the rulemaking docket. The notice is also available at http://www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/rulemaking/pdf/Distractio_NPFG-02162012.pdf.

Background information concerning proposal in particular and the problem of distracted driving in general is available at <http://www.nhtsa.gov/About+NHTSA/Press+Releases/2012/U.S.+Department+of+Transportation+Proposes+Distractio+Guidelines+for+Automakers> and at <http://www.distraction.gov/>.

Public Hearing Procedures. For planning purposes, each speaker should anticipate speaking for approximately ten minutes, although we may need to shorten that time if there is a large number of people wishing to make presentations. Once we learn how many people have registered to speak at each public hearing, we will allocate an appropriate amount of time to each participant, allowing time for necessary breaks. In addition, we will reserve a block of time for anyone else in the audience who wishes to give an oral presentation.

We request that you bring three copies of your statement or other material to the hearing for the NHTSA panel. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, we prefer that speakers not use technological aids (e.g., audio-visuals, computer slideshows). However, if you wish to do so, you must notify the contact person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above. You must also make arrangements to provide your presentation or any other aids to NHTSA in advance of the hearing in order to facilitate set-up.

NHTSA will conduct the hearings informally. Thus, technical rules of evidence will not apply. We will arrange for a written transcript of each hearing. Presenters wishing to provide supplementary information should submit it to the address given above for written comments by the April 24th deadline for those comments. Panel members may ask clarifying questions during the oral presentations, but will not respond to the presentations at that time. You may make arrangements for copies of the transcripts directly with the court reporter. Written statements and supporting information submitted during the comment period will be considered with the same weight as oral

comments and supporting information presented at the public hearings.

Issued on February 27, 2012.

David L. Strickland,
Administrator.

[FR Doc. 2012-5098 Filed 2-28-12; 4:15 pm]

BILLING CODE 4910-59-P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[NHTSA Docket No. NHTSA-2012-0027]

Appointment/Reappointment to the National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (NEMSAC)

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Request for Applicants for Appointment/Reappointment to the National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (NEMSAC).

SUMMARY: NHTSA is soliciting applications for appointment or reappointment to DOT's NEMSAC. The purpose of NEMSAC is to serve as a nationally recognized council of emergency medical services (EMS) representatives and consumers to provide advice and recommendations regarding EMS to DOT and its modal administration, NHTSA, and through NHTSA to the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS (FICEMS).

DATES: Applications for membership (including resume or curriculum vitae (CV), letters of recommendation, and a statement identifying the EMS sector or discipline that the applicant seeks to represent) should reach NHTSA at the address below on or before 5 p.m. EST, on Friday, March 30, 2012.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to apply for membership, your application should be submitted by:

- *Email:* NEMSAC@dot.gov.
- *Fax:* (202) 366-7149.
- *Mail:* Use only overnight mail such as UPS or FedEx to: U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Emergency Medical Services, Attn: NEMSAC, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., NTI-140, Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Designated Federal Officer, Drew Dawson, Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services, telephone (202) 366-9966; email drew.dawson@dot.gov, or Noah Smith at (202) 366-5030 or via email at noah.smith@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NEMSAC is an advisory council established by

DOT in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.) and DOT Order 1120.3B. NEMSAC provides information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary via the Administrator of NHTSA, and through NHTSA to FICEMS on matters relating to all aspects of development and implementation of EMS.

In accordance with the NEMSAC Charter, a copy of which is available at www.EMS.gov/nemsac, members should represent a cross-section of the diverse agencies, organizations, and individuals involved in EMS activities and programs in the U.S. NEMSAC consists of not more than 26 members, each of whom shall be appointed by the Secretary. Members serve in a "representatives" capacity on NEMSAC and not as Special Government Employees. Pursuant to the charter, 24 of these members must represent the perspectives of particular sectors of the EMS community. Members will be selected for their individual expertise and to reflect a balanced representation of interests from across the EMS community, but no member will represent a specific organization.

To the extent practical, the final council membership shall assure representation from the following sectors of the EMS community:

- Volunteer EMS
- Fire-based (career) EMS
- Private (career non-fire) EMS
- Hospital-based EMS
- Tribal EMS
- Air Medical EMS
- Local EMS service directors/administrators
- EMS Medical Directors
- Emergency Physicians
- Trauma Surgeons
- Pediatric Emergency Physicians
- State EMS Directors
- State Highway Safety Directors
- EMS Educators
- Public Safety Call-taker/Dispatcher (911)
- EMS Data Managers
- EMS Researchers
- Emergency Nurses
- Hospital Administration
- Public Health
- Emergency Management
- State Homeland Security Director
- Consumers (not directly affiliated with an EMS or healthcare organization)
- State or local legislative bodies (e.g. city/county councils; state legislatures)

Qualified individuals interested in serving on the NEMSAC are invited to

apply for appointment by submitting a resume or CV along with letters of recommendation to NHTSA at the addresses listed above by March 30, 2012. Each applicant must identify the EMS sector or discipline that he or she seeks to represent. Current NEMSAC members whose terms are ending should notify the Designated Federal Officer of their interest in reappointment in lieu of submitting a new application, and should provide an updated resume or CV and a restatement of the current sector they represent by March 30, 2012.

The NEMSAC meets in plenary session approximately once per quarter. Members serve without compensation from the Federal Government; however, pursuant to the terms of the Charter, they receive travel reimbursement and per diem in accordance with applicable Federal Travel Regulations.

Issued on: February 28, 2012.

Jeffrey P. Michael,

Associate Administrator for Research and Program Development.

[FR Doc. 2012-5088 Filed 3-1-12; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-59-P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35588]

Eastern Maine Railway Company— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, Ltd.

Eastern Maine Railway Company (EMR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, Ltd. (MMA), and to operate approximately 28.75 miles of rail line between the rail line owned by the State of Maine near Madawaska, Me. to the Canadian National Railway (CN) rail line near St. Leonard, N.B. at milepost 194.1 of CN's Nappadoggin Subdivision. Specifically, the 28.75 miles of rail line consist of: (1) MMA's Madawaska Subdivision extending from milepost 260 to milepost 264.13; (2) MMA's Van Buren Subdivision extending from milepost 0.0 to milepost 23.69; and (3) an additional 0.93 miles of rail line, including the Van Buren Bridge, for connection to the CN rail line near St. Leonard, N.B.¹

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of

exemption in Docket No. FD 35598, *Eastern Maine Railway Company—Assignment of Trackage Rights Exemption—Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, Ltd. and Maine Northern Railway Company*, wherein EMR seeks to acquire overhead trackage rights by assignment from MMA.²

The Maine Northern Railway Company (MNRC) currently has overhead trackage rights over the 28.75 miles of rail line owned by MMA. EMR is acquiring the line subject to these trackage rights. Therefore, MNRC's overhead trackage rights will remain unchanged by EMR's acquisition of the MMA line.³ Also, CN currently has limited trackage rights over a portion of the line,⁴ and CN's indirect subsidiary Waterloo Railway Company has a limited easement over a portion of the line.⁵ EMR is acquiring the line subject to these rights as well.

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or about March 19, 2012.

EMR certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier. Because EMR's projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million, EMR certified to the Board on January 17, 2012, that it had complied with the requirements of 49 CFR 1150.32(e) by providing notice to employees and their labor unions on the affected 28.75 miles of rail line. Under 49 CFR 1150.32(e), this exemption cannot become effective until 60 days after the date notice was provided, which would be March 17, 2012.

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 March 9, 2012 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

² These trackage rights would enable EMR access over the line owned by the State of Maine and extend from milepost 109 near Millinocket, Me., to milepost 260 near Madawaska, Me. MMA previously obtained these trackage rights in *Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, Ltd.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Maine Northern Railway Company*, FD 35505 (STB served May 27, 2011).

³ See *Me. N. Ry.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Montreal, Me. & Atl. Ry.*, FD 35518 (STB served June 3, 2011).

⁴ See *Canadian Natl. Ry.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Bangor and Aroostook R.R. and Van Buren Bridge Co.*, FD 34014 (STB served Mar. 21, 2001).

⁵ See *Waterloo Ry.—Acquis. Exemption—Bangor and Aroostook R.R. and Van Buren Bridge Co.*, FD 34015 (STB served Mar. 21, 2001).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35588, 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 Karyn A. Booth, Thompson Hine LLP, Suite 800, 1920 N Street NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: February 28, 2012.

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

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

[FR Doc. 2012-5079 Filed 3-1-12; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4915-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35598]

Eastern Maine Railway Company— Assignment of Trackage Rights Exemption—Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, Ltd. and Maine Northern Railway Company

Pursuant to a written agreement, Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, Ltd. (MMA) has agreed to assign its overhead trackage rights to the Eastern Maine Railway Company (EMR) over approximately 151 miles of rail line owned by the State of Maine (State) extending between milepost 109 near Millinocket, Me., and milepost 260 near Madawaska, Me. (the Line).

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in Docket No. FD 35588, *Eastern Maine Railway Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, Ltd.*, wherein EMR seeks to acquire from MMA and to operate 28.75 miles of rail line.

MMA, the former owner of the Line, proposed to abandon it and several other lines in 2010.¹ The State purchased the Line and the other trackage to ensure rail service continued in northern Maine.² Pursuant to a lease and operating agreement between Maine Northern Railway Company (MNRC) and the State, MNRC was selected as the

¹ See *Montreal, Me. & Atl. Ry.—Discon. of Service and Aban.—In Aroostook and Penobscot Cntys., Me.*, AB 1043 (Sub-No. 1) (STB served Dec. 27, 2010).

² See *Montreal, Me. & Atl. Ry.—Modified Rail Certificate—In Aroostook and Penobscot Cntys., Me.*, FD 35463 (STB served Jan. 26, 2011).

¹ EMR recognizes that the Board's jurisdiction only covers the acquisition of the line to the U.S.-Canada border.