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**4250. SMALL RATE GUIDELINES, STB EX PARTE NO. 646**

**Priority:** Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

**Legal Authority:** 49 USC 10701(d)(3)

**CFR Citation:** 49 CFR 1109; 49 CFR 1114

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Board is seeking comments to revise the Simplified Guidelines (Rate Guidelines-Non-Coal Proceedings, 1 STB 1004 (1996)) to provide small shippers meaningful access to regulatory relief in cases where a full stand-alone cost presentation is too costly.

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**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Undetermined

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**URL For More Information:** stb.dot.gov

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4251. CLASS EXEMPTION FOR EXPEDITED ABANDONMENT PROCEDURE FOR CLASS II AND CLASS III RAILROADS, STB EX PARTE NO. 647

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 49 USC 10502; 49 USC 10903

CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Surface Transportation Board will consider a proposal to create a Class exemption for Class II and Class III railroads from the prior approval abandonment requirements, and any other matters interested persons may raise about the abandonment process.

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4252. PROCEDURES TO EXPEDITE RESOLUTION OF RAIL RATE CHALLENGES TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER THE STAND–ALONE COST METHODOLOGY, STB EX PARTE NO. 638

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 49 USC 721(a)

CFR Citation: 49 CFR 1114.31(a)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Surface Transportation Board is amending its regulations regarding discovery procedures to correct an inadvertent omission.

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Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4253. REVISION OF EXEMPTION AUTHORITY CITATIONS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 49 USC 721

CFR Citation: 49 CFR 1039.10; 49 CFR 1039.20; 49 CFR 1101.2(e)(5); 49 CFR 1105.7(e)(5)(i)(C); 49 CFR 1105.7(e)(5)(ii)(C); 49 CFR 1105.12; 49 CFR 1150.1(a); 49 CFR 1150.32(c); 49 CFR 1150.34; 49 CFR 1150.35(f); 49 CFR 1185.5(a); 49 CFR 1185.5(b)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Surface Transportation Board is amending its regulations to change incorrect citations to its authority to exempt rail transportation, and to update miscellaneous references. The Board is also making changes to its authority citations.

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