

**PUBLIC & MEDIA ADVISORY: SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD PROVIDES
SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS' APPEARANCES FOR AUGUST 21 PUBLIC HEARING IN
EUGENE, OREGON, ON COOS BAY RAIL LINE**

The Surface Transportation Board today provided a schedule of speakers' appearances and their time allocations for the Board's **August 21, 2008** public hearing, in **Eugene, Oregon**, in two railroad proceedings currently before the Board. One proceeding involves an application by the Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad, Inc. (CORP) to abandon and discontinue railroad service over portions of a railroad line known as the Coos Bay Subdivision. The other proceeding concerns a separate application by the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay that instead would force CORP to sell those same portions of the line, as well as an additional line segment, to the Port.

The **Thursday, August 21, 2008**, public hearing will take place beginning at **9:30 a.m. in Room 2200 (the Jury Assembly Room)** of the **Wayne L. Morse U.S. Courthouse, 405 East Eighth Avenue, Eugene, Oregon**.

The 9:30 a.m. hearing will follow an **8:15-9:15 a.m. public-information session**, conducted by Board staff, during which the staff will discuss, and answer questions regarding, procedures used by the Board in processing abandonment cases and forced-sale cases. The public information session will be held in **Room 1702 (the GSA Conference Room)** of the **Wayne L. Morse U.S. Courthouse from 8:15-9:15 a.m.** The Board most recently announced details of the public hearing in a decision in the abandonment proceeding, entitled *Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad, Inc.—Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service—in Coos, Douglas, and Lane Counties, OR*, STB Docket No. AB-515 (Sub-No. 2), and in a decision in the forced-sale proceeding, entitled *Oregon International Port of Coos Bay—Feeder Line Application—Coos Bay Line of the Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad, Inc.*, STB Finance Docket No. 35160, on August 1, 2008.

The schedule of speakers' appearances and time allocations was provided in a [decision issued today, August 15, 2008, in STB Docket No. AB-515 \(Sub-No. 2\) and STB Finance Docket No. 35160](#). The schedule also is available for viewing and downloading via the agency's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>, and as an Attachment to this news release.

The Board will videotape the hearing and soon afterward make it available digitally via the STB's Web site, at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>, under "Information Center"/"Webcast"/"Past Meetings" on the agency's home page.

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ATTACHMENT (speakers' list)

Attachment

**Surface Transportation Board Public Hearing
STB Docket No. AB-515 (Sub-No. 2) and STB Finance Docket No. 35160**

August 21, 2008

SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES

Party / Time Allotted (minutes)

Panel I(A): Government

The Honorable Theodore R. Kulongoski
Governor, State of Oregon / 15

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
U.S. House of Representatives / 15

Panel I(B): Government

The Honorable Floyd Prozanski
Oregon State Senate / 5

The Honorable Joanne Verger
Oregon State Senate / 5

The Honorable Jeff Kruse
Oregon State Senate / 5

The Honorable Susan Morgan
Oregon House of Representatives / 5

The Honorable Bruce Hanna
Oregon House of Representatives / 5

The Honorable Arnold Roblan
Oregon House of Representatives / 5

Panel I(C): Government

Coquille Indian Tribe
Tom Younker / 5

Oregon Department of State Lands
Louise Solliday, Director / 3

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Keith N. Anderson / 5

Panel I(D): Government

Faye Stewart
Board Chairman, Lane County / 5

Bill Fleenor
Commissioner, Lane County / 5

Doug Robertson
Commissioner, Douglas County / 5

Charles Freeman
City Manager, City of Coos Bay / 5

John S. Griffith
Chair, Coos County Board of Commissioners / 5

Panel II: Carrier

Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad
Paul Lundberg, Terence M. Hynes / 15

Panel III: Feeder Line Applicant

Oregon International Port of Coos Bay

David Kronsteiner, Catherine McKeown, Jeffrey Bishop / 15

Panel IV (A): Shippers and Other Businesses

Coos Siskiyou Shippers Coalition/Roseburg Forest Products

Allyn Ford and Andy Jeffers / 5

Southport Forest Products / 5

Jason Smith / 5

Oregon Western Lumber

Paul Dailey / 5

Menasha Forest Products Corporation

Scott Starkey / 5

Plum Creek Timber

Joel A. Nelson / 5

Panel IV (B): Shippers and Other Businesses

American Bridge Manufacturing

Fred Jacquot / 5

Chambers Plumbing & Heating

John S. Chambers / 5

Danish Dairy

Carl Foster, Dennie Wheeler / 5

H & S Construction Railroad and Salvage

John Gomes, III / 5

Panel IV (C): Shippers and Other Businesses

Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce

Dave Hauser, Terry Connolly / 5

Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

Timm Slater / 4

Port of Umpqua

Charmaine Vitek / 3

Abel Insurance Agency

Harry Abel Jr. / 2

Southwestern Oregon Community College

Dr. Judith Hansen / 5

Panel V(A): Citizens & Community Groups

Oregon Chapter of Sierra Club

Robin Hartmann / 5

Friends of New and Sustainable Industry

Jon A. Barton / 5

Citizens Against LNG

Jody McCaffree, Timothy Singler, Mhaire Merryman / 5

O.C.E.A.N. of Oregon
Steve D. Jones / 5

Panel V(B): Citizens & Community Groups

North Bend School District
BJ Hollensteiner / 5

State Rail Planner (Retired)
Edward Immel / 5

Nancy Nichols / 2

Timothy A. Larkins / 3

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