

(6) Sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meetings, as well as an assistive listening device, if requested at the above number listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least 10 calendar days before the meeting.

(7) Representatives of the FAA and JAA will preside over the meetings.

(8) The FAA and JAA will review and consider all material presented by participants at the meetings. Position papers or material presenting views or information related to proposed harmonization initiatives may be accepted at the discretion of the FAA and JAA presiding officers. The FAA requests that persons participating in the meetings provide five (5) copies of all materials to be presented for distribution to the panel members; other copies may be provided to the audience at the discretion of the participant.

(9) Statements made by members of the meeting panel are intended to facilitate discussion of the issues or to clarify issues. Any statement made during the meeting by a member of the panel is not intended to be, and should not be construed as, a position of the FAA or JAA.

(10) The meetings are designed to solicit public views and more complete information on proposed harmonization initiatives. Therefore, the meetings will be conducted in an informal and nonadversarial manner. No individual will be subject to cross-examination by any other participant; however, panel members may ask questions to clarify a statement and to ensure a complete and accurate record.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **RTCA Special Committee 188; Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards for High Frequency Data Link**

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for Special Committee 188 meeting to be held November 17, starting at 1 p.m., and at 9 a.m. on November 18-19. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036.

The agenda will include: November 17-18, (1) Working Group (WG)-1, Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards. November 19, Plenary Session: (2) Review ballot comments for draft document, Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Aeronautical Mobile High Frequency Data Link (incorporate accepted ballot comments into the final draft to forward to the Program Management Committee); (3) Review summary of previous meeting; (4) Review of WG-1 status; (5) Review of WG-2 status; (6) Review activities of other Standards Groups; (7) Open discussion; (8) Confirm dates for future meetings; (9) Closing of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **RTCA Special Committee 172 Future Air-Ground Communications in the VHF Aeronautical Data Band (118-137 MHz)**

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for Special Committee 172 meeting to be held November 8-10, 1999, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

The agenda will be as follows: Monday, November 8: (1) Plenary Convenes at 9 a.m. for 30 minutes; (2) Introductory Remarks; (3) Review and Approval of the Agenda; (9:30 a.m.) (4) Working Group (WG)-2, VHF Data Radio Signal-in-Space Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards, continues work on VDL Mode 3. Tuesday, November 9: (a.m.) (5) WG-2 continues work on VDL Mode 3; (p.m.) (6) WG-3, Review of VHF Digital Radio Minimum Operational Performance Standards Document progress and furtherance of work. Wednesday, November 10: Plenary

reconvenes at 9 a.m.: (7) Review summary minutes of previous plenary meeting; (8) Reports from WG-2 and WG-3 on Activities; (9) Report on ICAO Aeronautical Mobile Communications Panel Working Group activities; (10) EURO CARE WG-47 Report and discuss schedule for further work with WG-3; (11) Review issues list and address future work; (12) Other business; (13) Date and Location of Next Meeting; (p.m.) (14) WG-3 continues.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33441 (Sub-No. 1)]

#### **Paducah & Louisville Railway— Trackage Rights Exemption—CSX Transportation, Inc**

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Paducah & Louisville Railway (P&L) over CSXT's rail line between the P&L/CSXT connection at Madisonville, KY, at or near milepost OOH-275, and the Diamond J Mine located on CSXT's Morganfield Branch, at or near milepost MB-294.1, including access to the Western Kentucky Railroad connection at Providence, KY, at or near milepost MB-291.8, for a total distance of approximately 18.8 miles in Hopkins and Webster Counties, KY.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after October 5, 1999.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to allow P&L to handle movements of coal from the Diamond J Mine and from the Pyro, Kentucky Mine to the GRT Terminal, at Jessup, KY, for barge movements to Alabama Power Company (APC) water served destinations, and to