

The purpose of the trackage rights is to allow BNSF to deliver or receive RoadRailer equipment in interchange to and from IC, GTW and Canadian National Railway Company, and to make available RoadRailer equipment available for BNSF customers at IC's Harvey Yard.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33958 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 Michael E. Roper, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, 2500 Lou Menk Drive, P.O. Box 961039, Fort Worth, TX 76161-0039.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33957]

Kern W. Schumacher and Morris H. Kulmer—Continuance in Control Exemption—Kern Valley Railroad Company

Kern W. Schumacher and Morris H. Kulmer, individuals (collectively applicants), have filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of the Kern Valley Railroad Company (KVR), upon KVR's becoming a Class III railroad.

consummation could not take place before November 15, 2000.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or after November 13, 2000.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33956, *Kern Valley Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Trinidad Railway, Inc.*, wherein KVR seeks to acquire an approximate 30.0-mile line of railroad (line) in Las Animas County, CO, from Trinidad Railway, Inc. (TRI) and has agreed to assume TRI's common carrier railroad obligations pending the line's abandonment.¹

Applicants currently indirectly control one existing Class III railroad: Tulare Valley Railroad Company, operating in the State of California.

Applicants state that (i) the rail line of KVR will not connect with any other lines of a railroad under their control or within their corporate family, (ii) the transaction is not part of a series of transactions that would connect the railroads with each other or any railroad in applicants' corporate family, and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

If the 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33957, 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, a copy of each pleading must be served on Fritz R.

¹The line is the subject of a notice of exemption for its abandonment in *Trinidad Railway, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Las Animas County, CO*, STB Docket No. AB-573X (STB served Sept. 21, 2000). By decision served October 20, 2000, the Board postponed the effective date of that exemption until November 30, 2000, pending completion of the offer of financial assistance (OFA) process or, if the OFA process terminated, a period to provide for interim trail use negotiations.

Kahn, Esq., 1920 N Street, NW., 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1601.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33956]

Kern Valley Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Trinidad Railway, Inc.

Kern Valley Railroad Company (KVR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire the railroad lines and other assets (line) of Trinidad Railway, Inc. (TRI) and has agreed to assume TRI's common carrier railroad obligations pending the line's abandonment.¹ The line extends from milepost 2.0, at Jensen, to the end of the line at milepost 30.0, at the former New Elk Mine, east of Stonewall, in Las Animas County, CO, a distance of approximately 30.0 miles.²

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or after November 13, 2000.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33957, *Kern W. Schumacher and Morris H. Kulmer—Continuance in Control Exemption—Kern Valley Railroad Company*, wherein Kern W. Schumacher and Morris H. Kulmer have concurrently filed a verified notice to continue in control of KVR upon its becoming a Class III rail carrier.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding to revoke the exemption

¹The line is the subject of a notice of exemption for abandonment in *Trinidad Railway, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Las Animas County, CO*, STB Docket No. AB-573X (STB served Sept. 21, 2000). By decision served October 20, 2000, the Board postponed the effective date of that exemption until November 30, 2000, pending completion of the offer of financial assistance (OFA) process or, if the OFA process terminated, a period to provide for interim trail use negotiations.

²TRI has retained a real estate interest in the right-of-way between milepost 15.11, in Segundo, and the end of the line subject to a permanent and irrevocable easement to KVR to fulfill its common carrier obligation, pending abandonment of the line, including access to the line for work on the tracks, ties and other track materials.

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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33956, 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, a copy of each pleading must be served on Fritz R. Kahn, Esq., 1920 N Street, NW., 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1601.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 583X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Ohio County, WV

On November 1, 2000, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a portion of its line of railroad in the Central Region, known as its Allegheny Division, Ohio River Subdivision, extending from railroad Milepost BN-0.63 to railroad Milepost BN-2.51 in Wheeling, Ohio County, WV, a distance of 1.88 miles. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 26003 and includes no stations.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the labor protective conditions imposed in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by February 16, 2001.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after

service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each offer must be accompanied by a \$1,000 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than December 11, 2000. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 583X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Natalie S. Rosenberg, 500 Water Street-J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Replies to the CSXT petition are due on or before December 11, 2000.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1545 [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 13, 2000.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 21, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1440.

Regulation Project Number: INTL-64-93.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Conduit Arrangements Regulations.

Description: This document contains regulations relating to when the district director may recharacterize a financing arrangement as a conduit arrangement. Such recharacterization will affect the amount of withholding tax due on financing transactions that are part of the financing arrangement. These regulations will affect withholding agents and foreign investors.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Recordkeepers: 1,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Recordkeeper: 10 hours.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 10,000 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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