

filed by April 29, 1996, and petitions to reopen must be filed by May 16, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 32885 (Sub-No. 1) to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) Donald T. Cheatham, 150 Fourth Avenue, North, Suite 1210, Nashville, TN 37219.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-5610. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC Data & News, Inc., Room 2229, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services, (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: April 16, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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Surface Transportation Board¹

[STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 377X)]

Burlington Northern Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Thayer County, NE

Burlington Northern Railroad Company (BN) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon 12.15 miles of its line of railroad between milepost 24.00 near Bruning and milepost 32.20 near Hebron, including the station of Hebron at milepost 26.2, in Thayer County, NE.²

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to the Board's jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10903.

² BN has proposed a consummation date for the abandonment that is four months from the date of filing of its verified notice. This proposed consummation date is based on BN's reading of 49 U.S.C. 10904. The first sentence of 10904(c) provides, "Within 4 months after an application is filed under section 10903, any person may offer to subsidize or purchase the railroad line that is the subject of such application."

The Board recently addressed this provision in proposing revised abandonment regulations to implement 49 U.S.C. 10903-04, as established by the ICC Termination Act. In *Abandonment and*

BN has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted from the line; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to use of this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on May 23, 1996, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,³ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),⁴ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29⁵ must

Discontinuance of Rail Lines and Rail Transportation Under 49 U.S.C. 10903, STB Ex Parte No. 537 (STB served Mar. 15, 1996) slip op. at 10 [61 FR 11174, 11176 (Mar. 19, 1996)], the Board said, "We see the 4-month statutory deadline as an outer limit, which does not require us to delay resolution of proceedings where the entire time is not needed."

Based on the Board's statement, the exemption in this proceeding will be scheduled to become effective on May 23, 1996, or 50 days after BN's filing of its verified notice of exemption. This is consistent with the existing rules at 49 CFR 1152.50. Offers of financial assistance will be due according to deadlines established in this notice. Potential offerors will *not* have until 4 months after the notice was filed by BN with the Board to make an offer of financial assistance.

While the exemption is scheduled to take effect on May 23, 1996, BN may of course delay consummation until a later date.

³ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

⁴ See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

⁵ The Board will accept late-filed trail use requests so long as the abandonment has not been

be filed by May 3, 1996. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by May 13, 1996, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Sarah J. Whitley, General Attorney, Burlington Northern Railroad Company, 3800 Continental Plaza, 777 Main Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102-5384.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

BN has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by April 26, 1996. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 3219, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling Elaine Kaiser, Chief of SEA, at (202) 927-6248. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Decided: April 12, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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Surface Transportation Board¹

[STB Docket No. AB-469]

Jacksonville Port Authority; Adverse Discontinuance; In Duval County, FL

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.
ACTION: Exemption from statutory provisions concerning giving of notice of an application and filing of a system diagram map.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board is exempting the Jacksonville Port

consummated and the abandoning railroad is willing to negotiate an agreement.

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (the Act), which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10903.

Authority from the requirements that it post and publish notice of its application and certify that it has done so, and that it file with the Board a system diagram map identifying and describing the subject line. The Board is granting an exemption because the application is being filed by a party other than the carrier whose operations are the object of the discontinuance.

DATES: The exemption will take effect on April 23, 1996. Petitions to reopen must be filed by May 3, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings referring to STB Docket No. AB-469 to: (1) Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) petitioner's representatives: Ernst D. Mueller, 220 East Bay Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202; and Kelvin J. Dowd, 1224 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 927-5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Jacksonville Port Authority (JPA) has filed an application seeking a determination by the Board that the public convenience and necessity require or permit the discontinuance of service by Jaxport Terminal Railway Company (JTRC) over approximately 10 miles of terminal switching tracks that JPA owns and that connect its Talleyrand Marine Dock and Terminal Facilities in Jacksonville, FL, with the tracks of line-haul carriers. The fact that the application has been filed by a party other than the carrier whose operations are the subject of the discontinuance has led JPA to seek a waiver of the requirement that it post and publish notice of its application. Also, JPA is unable to require JTRC to file a system diagram map (SDM). Accordingly, JPA seeks exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903(a)(3) (B), (C), and (E), which require, respectively posting of a copy of a notice of the application in terminals and stations, publishing a copy of the notice in newspapers for specified periods, and certifying that it has satisfied these requirements. JPA also seeks exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903(c), which require carriers to submit to the Board an SDM identifying each line for which the carrier plans to file a discontinuance application.

The Board is granting the exemption, finding that compliance with the statute is not required to carry out the rail transportation policy of 49 U.S.C. 10101, the matter is of limited scope,

and strict adherence to the statutory requirements is not needed to protect shippers from the abuse of market power. The Board is also granting JPA a waiver of certain regulatory requirements relating to (1) the submission of service, financial and environmental information and (2) the notice and SDM matters discussed above.

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision, in which the Board also declined to institute an investigation into the proposed discontinuance. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC News & Data, Inc., 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 2229, Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 927-5721.]

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Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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Board Conference; Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME & DATES: 10:00 a.m., April 30, 1996.

PLACE: Hearing Room A, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20423.

STATUS: The Board will meet to discuss among themselves the following agenda items. Although the conference is open for the public observation, no public participation is permitted.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

STB Ex Parte No. 528, *Disclosure, Publication, and Notice of Change of Rates and Other Service Terms for Rail Common Carriage.*

Ex Parte No. 392 (Sub-No. 2), *Class Exemption for the Construction of Connection Track Under 49 U.S.C. 10901* and Ex Parte No. 392 (Sub-No. 3), *Class Exemption for Rail Construction Under 49 U.S.C. 10901.*

Finance Docket No. 32830, *Alameda Corridor Construction Application.*

STB Finance Docket No. 32858, *Illinois Central Corporation and Illinois Central Railroad Company—Control—CCP Holdings, Inc., Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad Company and Cedar River Railroad Company.*

No. MC-F-20783, *Capitol Bus Company—Pooling—Greyhound Lines, Inc.*

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dennis Watson, Office of Congressional

and Press Service, Telephone: (202) 927-5350, TDD: (202) 927-5721.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 15, 1996.

The Department of the 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, N.W., Washington, DC 20220.

Bureau of the Public Debt (BPD)

OMB Number: 1535-0001.

Form Number: SB-60 and SB-60a.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Payroll Savings Report.

Description: These forms are used to determine the total number of participants purchasing U.S. Savings Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25,910.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Response: 41 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Semi-annually.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 17,871 hours.

OMB Number: 1535-0059.

Form Number: PD F 1832.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Special Form of Assignment for U.S. Registered Definitive Securities.

Description: PD F 1832 is used to certify assignments of U.S. Registered Definitive Securities.

Respondents: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.