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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, refer to the Board's decision served April 14, 1999.

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Decided: April 13, 1999.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Clyburn, and Commissioner Burkes.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33727]

New Hampshire and Vermont Railroad Company—Operation Exemption—Certain Lines of the State of New Hampshire

New Hampshire and Vermont Railroad Company (NHVT), a Class III rail carrier has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to operate approximately 36 miles of certain rail lines owned by the State of New Hampshire by and through the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (subject lines).¹ The subject lines consist of a parcel or strip of railroad land of varying width, lying in Grafton and Coos Counties, NH, comprising a portion of railroad right-of-way known as the "Berlin Branch" and a portion of railroad right-of-way known as the "Groveton Branch": (a) from milepost 113.0 in Littleton, NH (shown as railroad Valuation Station 995+66 on plans for Federal Valuation Section 22, Map 19), to milepost 125.0 in Whitefield, NH (shown as railroad Valuation Station 1629+30 on plans for Federal Valuation Section 22, Map 31); (b) from milepost 125.0 in Whitefield, NH (shown as railroad Valuation Station 1629+30 on plans for Federal Valuation

Section 22, Map 31), to milepost 130.9 in Jefferson (Waumbec Junction), NH (shown as railroad Valuation Station 325+03.2 on plans for Federal Valuation Section 24.2, Map 6 at the point of switch for the Maine Central Railroad connecting track); and (c) from milepost 130.9 in Jefferson (Waumbec Junction), NH (Valuation Station 325+03.2), to a point in Groveton (Northumberland), NH (shown as the Valuation Station 2715+83 on plans for Federal Valuation Section 22, Map 52 at the Whistle Post located South of the West Street crossing, such point being the point of intersection with the tracks of the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company).²

The earliest the transaction could be consummated was March 25, 1999, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the notice of exemption was filed). However, this transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33728, the *State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation—Acquisition Exemption—New Hampshire and Vermont Railroad Company*, in which the State of New Hampshire has filed a notice of exemption with respect to its purchase of these lines from NHVT. Because the exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 33728 was not scheduled to take effect until on or after March 30, 1999, the exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 33727 could not have been consummated prior to March 30, 1999.

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. 33727, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on David H. Anderson, Attorney at Law, 288 Littleton Road, Suite 21, Westford, MA 01886.

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Decided: April 8, 1999.

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. 33728]

State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation—Acquisition Exemption—New Hampshire and Vermont Railroad Company

The State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire (by purchase) approximately 36.0 miles of rail line owned by the New Hampshire and Vermont Railroad Company (NHVT). The lines being acquired by NHDOT are known as the Berlin Branch and the Groveton Branch and extend: (a) from milepost 113.0 at Littleton, NH (Valuation Station 995+66), to milepost 125.0 at Whitefield, NH (Valuation Station 1629+30); (b) from milepost 125.0 at Whitefield, NH (Valuation Station 1629+30), to milepost 130.9 at Jefferson (Waumbec Junction), NH (Valuation Station 325+03.2); and (c) from milepost 130.9 at Jefferson (Waumbec Junction), NH (Valuation Station 325+03.2), to a point in Groveton (Northumberland), NH, where said line intersects with a line of railroad owned by the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company (Valuation Station 2715+83). NHVT will operate the property.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after March 30, 1999.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33727, *New Hampshire and Vermont Railroad Company—Operation Exemption—Certain Lines of the State of New Hampshire*, wherein NHVT has filed a notice of exemption to operate over the lines once they are owned by NHDOT. Thus, NHVT will continue as the primary common carrier freight operator of the subject lines.

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. 33728, must be filed with

¹ The parties state that NHVT and the State of New Hampshire, by its Department of Transportation, entered into an operating agreement on March 15, 1999, providing for NHVT's operation of the subject line.

² NHVT certifies that its annual revenue will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and that its annual revenues are not projected to exceed \$5 million.

the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Robert A. Wimbish, REA, CROSS & AUCHINLOSS, Suite 570, 1707 L Street, N. W., Washington, DC 20036.

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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 Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 566X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Duval County, FL

On March 29, 1999, 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 Jacksonville Service Lane, Kingsland Subdivision, extending from milepost S-634.85 at Acorn Street to milepost S-635.09 at the connection of the line to be abandoned with CSXT's former Jacksonville-Savannah main line, a distance of 0.24-miles, in Jacksonville, Duval County, FL. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 32204 and 32205 and includes no stations.

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

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

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by July 16, 1999.

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 May 6, 1999. 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. 566X) 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) Charles M. Rosenberger, 500 Water Street—J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Replies to the CSXT petition are due on or before May 6, 1999.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Service 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 (202) 565-1695.]

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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Decided: April 12, 1999.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 6, 1999.

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, Pub. L. 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 May 17, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

Departmental Offices/International Portfolio Investment Data Systems

OMB Number: 1505-0024.

Form Number: International Capitol Form CQ-1 (Parts 1 and 2) and International Capitol Form CQ-2 (Parts 1 and 2).

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Financial Liabilities to Unaffiliated Foreigners (CQ-1, Part 1); Financial Claims on Unaffiliated Foreigners (CQ-1, Part 2); Commercial Liabilities to Unaffiliated Foreigners (CQ-2, Part 1); and Commercial Claims on Unaffiliated Foreigners (CQ-2, Part 2)

Description: Forms CQ-1 and CQ-2 are required by law and are designed to collect timely information on international portfolio capital movement, including data on financial and commercial liabilities to, and claims on, unaffiliated foreigners held by nonbanking enterprises in the United States. This information is necessary for compiling the U.S. balance of payments, for calculating the U.S. international investment position and for U.S. financial/monetary policies.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 4 hours.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 8,000 hours.

Clearance Officer: Lois K. Holland (202) 622-1563, Departmental Offices, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20220.

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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