

notice is abbreviated to expedite docketing and public notice. Because the sections affected, modes of transportation, and the nature of application have been shown in earlier **Federal Register** publications, they are not repeated here. Requests for modifications of exemptions (e.g. to provide for additional hazardous materials, packaging design changes, additional mode of transportation, etc.) are described in footnotes to the

application number. Application numbers with the suffix "M" denote a modification request. These applications have been separated from the new applications for exemptions to facilitate processing.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 30, 1997.

ADDRESS COMMENTS TO: Dockets Unit, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the exemption number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Dockets Unit, Room 8426, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC.

Application No.	Applicant	Renewal of exemption
7657-M	Welker Engineering Co., Sugar Land, TX (See Footnote 1)	7657
7765-M	Carleton Technologies, Inc., Orchard Park, NY (See Footnote 2)	7765
8718-M	Structural Composites Industries, Pomona, CA (See Footnote 3)	8718
11005-M	Pressure Technology, Inc. Hanover, MD (See Footnote 4)	11005
11506-M	OEA, Inc. Denver, CO (See Footnote 5)	11506
11644-M	United States Can Company, Elgin, IL (See Footnote 6)	11644
11785-M	Chilton Products, Chilton, WI (See Footnote 7)	11785
11787-M	Bayer Corp., Pittsburgh, PA (See Footnote 8)	11787
11791-M	The Coleman Co., Inc., Wichita, KS (See Footnote 9)	11791
11799-M	Cryonix, Inc., Rockville, MD (See Footnote 10)	11799
11856-M	Olin Corp., Norwalk, CT (See Footnote 11)	11856
11868-M	United States Enrichment Corporation, Bethesda, MD (See Footnote 12)	11868

(1) To reissue emergency exemption modification to authorize use of non-DOT specification cylinders for shipment of certain chlorofluorocarbon gases for analytical testing.

(2) To modify the exemption to provide for an additional non-DOT specification cylinder for use in transporting argon, Division 2.2 material.

(3) To modify the exemption to increase the water capacity from 55 lbs. to 150 lbs. for non-DOT specification fiberglass reinforced plastic cylinders for use in transporting various Division 2.2 material.

(4) To modify the exemption to provide for an additional design non-DOT specification reinforced plastic (FRP) full composite (FC) aluminum cylinders for the transportation of certain compressed gases.

(5) To modify the exemption to eliminate the flattening testing of non-DOT specification cylinders for use as components of automobile vehicle safety systems.

(6) To modify the exemption to provide for additional drawings and alternative burst pressure for non-DOT specification aerosol cans.

(7) To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to manufacture, mark and sale DOT-Specification 39 cylinders with a marking deviation to be used for the transportation in commerce of Division 2.1 and 2.2 material authorized for DOT-Specification 39 cylinders.

(8) To modify the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to authorize the transportation in commerce of Toxic liquid, flammable, organic n.o.s. Division 6.1, PIH, Zone A material in 6HA1 drums that have not been hydrostatic tested to 80 psig.

(9) To modify the exemption to provide for an increase in the water capacity of DOT Specification 2Q nonrefillable inner container for use in transporting Division 2.1 material.

(10) To modify the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to authorize the transportation in commerce of alternative secondary packaging consisting of heat sealed, plastic sleeve, packed in small quantities with absorbent material to be transported inside commercial freezer, for use in transporting infectious substances, Division 6.2.

(11) To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis for transportation of non-DOT specification packagings consisting of satellite fuel and thermal transport systems.

(12) To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis for the transportation in commerce of uranium hexafluoride cylinders with valves and plugs that contain different alloys.

This notice of receipt of applications for modification of exemptions is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1806; 49 CFR 1.53(e)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 8, 1997.

J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33392]

Southern Freight Logistics, LLC; Lease and Operation Exemption; Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee

Southern Freight Logistics, LLC (SFL), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease 7.0 miles of rail line from the Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee (CROET) between milepost 0.0, at Blair, TN, and milepost 7.0, near Oak Ridge, TN. In addition, SFL will

lease 24 spur tracks, totaling approximately 7.5 miles, from CROET.¹

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after May 2, 1997.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding 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. 33392, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-

¹ SFL d/b/a Southern Freight Railroad will be the operator of the leased rail line.

0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Karl Morell, Esq., Ball Janik, LLP, 1455 F Street, NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

Decided: May 8, 1997.

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. 547X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.; Abandonment Exemption; in Muskegon County, MI

On April 29, 1997, CSX Transportation, Inc. filed with the Surface Transportation 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 known as the Montague Subdivision, extending from railroad milepost 62.12 at Berry to railroad milepost 72.25 at the end of the track at Montague, including a 3.5-mile industrial lead track at Montague, which traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 49445, 49461, and 49437, a distance of 13.63 miles, in Muskegon County, MI. The line includes the station of Montague at milepost 72.00.

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 *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 ICC 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 within 90 days (by August 15, 1997).

Any offer of financial assistance 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 of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$900. 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 and any request for trail

use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than 20 days after notice of the filing of the petition for exemption is published in the **Federal Register**. 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. 547X) and must be sent to: (1) Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001, and (2) Charles M. Rosenberger, 500 Water Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

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 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 the Section of Environmental Analysis will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Any other persons who would like to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS) may contact the Section of Environmental Analysis. EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be 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.

Decided: May 9, 1997.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-439 (Sub-No. 2X)]

Dallas Area Rapid Transit; Abandonment Exemption; in Dallas and Collin Counties, TX

[STB Docket No. AB-12 (Sub-No. 191X)]

Southern Pacific Transportation Company—Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption—in Dallas and Collin Counties, TX

[STB Docket No. AB-39 (Sub-No. 22X)]

St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company—Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption—in Dallas and Collin Counties, TX

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502, exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 the abandonment by Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) of an 18.67-mile line of railroad, consisting of 15.45 miles of the White Rock/Plano line and 3.22 miles of a connecting branch line, the Soumethun Branch, in Dallas and Collin Counties, TX, and the discontinuance by Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPT) and St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company (SSW) of local and overhead trackage rights on the White Rock/Plano line, subject to a historic condition and standard labor protective conditions.

DATES: Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on June 14, 1997. Formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) must be filed by May 23, 1997, petitions to stay must be filed by May 30, 1997, requests for a public use condition conforming to 49 CFR 1152.28(a)(2) must be filed by June 4, 1997, and petitions to reopen must be filed by June 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings, referring to STB Docket Nos. AB-439 (Sub-No. 2X), AB-12 (Sub-No. 191X), and AB-39 (Sub-No. 22X) to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001; (2) Thomas J. Litwiler, 1020 Nineteenth Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036; and (3) Gary A. Laakso, Southern Pacific Building, One Market Plaza, Room 846, San Francisco, CA 94015.