

operates lines in Arizona; (b) Eastern Alabama Railway Company, which operates lines in Alabama; (c) Kyle Railroad Company, which operates lines in Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska; (d) San Joaquin Valley Railroad Company, which operates lines in California; and (e) SWKR Operating Co., which operates lines in Arizona.¹

As noted, StatesRail controls Kiamichi and would be in control of ALA upon its becoming a carrier.

Kauri states that: (1) The rail lines to be acquired by ALA will not connect with other rail lines under Kauri's or StatesRail's control or with any railroads within their corporate family; (2) the continuance in control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the railroads with each other or any railroad in the corporate family; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I railroad. The transaction therefore 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 railroad 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 verified 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. 33439, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Fritz Kahn, Suite 750 West, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20005-3934.

Decided: August 5, 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 Finance Docket No. 33432]

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) between the P&L/CSXT connection at Madisonville, KY, at or near milepost OOH 275, and the Providence 1 Mine and Diamond J Mine (Mines) located on CSXT's Morganfield Branch, at or near mileposts MB 288.8 and MB 294.1, respectively, a distance of approximately 18.8 miles in Hopkins and Webster Counties, KY.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on August 8, 1997.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to allow P&L to handle movements of coal from the Mines to the BRT Terminal for blending and for barge movement beyond to the Gallatin Steam Plant of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and to handle empties via the reverse route under contract PAL-C-0761.

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. 33432, 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, a copy of each pleading must be served on (1) J. Thomas Garrett, Esq., Paducah & Louisville Railway, 1500 Kentucky Avenue, Paducah, KY 42003, and (2) Fred R. Birkholz, Esq., CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street, J-150, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

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Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 113)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Discontinuance of Trackage Rights and Abandonment—In Natrona and Converse Counties, WY

On July 25, 1997, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, an application for permission for the abandonment of and discontinuance of service on a line of railroad known as the Casper Branch extending from railroad milepost 590.0 to the end of the line at milepost 607.8, near Casper (Air Base), a distance of 17.8 miles, in Natrona County, WY, and for discontinuance of UP's trackage rights over The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company trackage from UP milepost 532.5 near Orin to UP milepost 600.0 near Casper, a distance of 67.5 miles in Natrona and Converse Counties, Wyoming. The line includes the non-agency stations of Strouds at milepost 595.0, Casper at milepost 599.7, and Air Base at milepost 607.5 and traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 82601-82609 and 82633.

The line does contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it. The applicant's entire case for abandonment and discontinuance was filed with the application.

This line of railroad has appeared on the applicant's system diagram map or has been included in its narrative in category 1 since August 1, 1992.

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

Any interested person may file with the Surface Transportation Board written comments concerning the proposed abandonment and discontinuance or protests (including the protestant's entire opposition case), by September 8, 1997. All interested persons should be aware that following any 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 U.S.C. 10905 (§ 1152.28 of the Board's rules) and any request for a trail use condition under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) (§ 1152.29 of the Board's rules) must be filed by September 8, 1997. Persons who may

¹ See *StatesRail, Inc.—Acquisition of Control Exemption—Kyle Railways, Inc.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33340 (STB served Apr. 17, 1997).

oppose the abandonment or discontinuance but who do not wish to participate fully in the process by appearing at any oral hearings or by submitting verified statements of witnesses containing detailed evidence should file comments. Persons interested only in seeking public use or trail use conditions should also file comments. Persons opposing the proposed abandonment or discontinuance that do wish to participate actively and fully in the process should file a protest.

In addition, a commenting party or protestant may provide:

- (i) An offer of financial assistance, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10904 (due 120 days after the application is filed or 10 days after the application is granted by the Board, whichever occurs sooner);
- (ii) Recommended provisions for protection of the interests of employees;
- (iii) A request for a public use condition under 49 U.S.C. 10905; and
- (iv) A statement pertaining to prospective use of the right-of-way for interim trail use and rail banking under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) and § 1152.29.

Parties seeking information concerning the filing of protests should refer to § 1152.25.

Written comments and protests, including all requests for public use and trail use conditions, must indicate the proceeding designation STB No. AB-33 (Sub-No.113) and should be filed with the Secretary, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, no later than September 8, 1997. Interested persons may file a written comment or protest with the Board to become a party to this proceeding. A copy of each written comment or protest shall be served upon the representative of the applicant, Joseph D. Anthofer, General Attorney, 1416 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68179, Tel: (402) 271-4315. The original and 10 copies of all comments or protests shall be filed with the Board with a certificate of service. Except as otherwise set forth in part 1152, every document filed with the Board must be served on all parties to the proceeding. 49 CFR 1104.12(a).

The line sought to be abandoned/discontinued will be available for subsidy or sale for continued rail use, if the Board decides to permit the abandonment/discontinuance, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations (49 U.S.C. 10904 and 49 CFR 1152.27). No subsidy arrangement approved under 49 U.S.C. 10904 shall remain in effect for more than 1 year unless otherwise mutually agreed by the parties (49 U.S.C. 10904(f)(4)(B)). Applicant will promptly provide upon request to each interested party an

estimate of the subsidy and minimum purchase price required to keep the line in operation. The carrier's representative to whom inquiries may be made concerning sale or subsidy terms is set forth above.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Surface Transportation Board 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.

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 abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 33 days of the filing of the application. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service. The comments received will be addressed in the Board's decision. A supplemental EA or EIS may be issued where appropriate.

Decided: August 8, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) hereby gives notice that it has sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review an information collection titled (MA)—Municipal Securities Dealers and Government Securities Brokers and Dealers Registration and Withdrawal.

DATES: Comments regarding this information collection are welcome and should be submitted to the OMB Reviewer and the OCC. Comments are due on or before September 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the submission may be obtained by calling the OCC Contact listed. Direct all written comments to the Communications Division, Attention: 1557-0184, Third Floor, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 874-5274, or by electronic mail to REGS.COMMENTS@OCC.TREAS.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: 1557-0184.

Form Number: MSD, MSDW, MSD-4, MSD-5, G-FIN, and G-FINW.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Title: (MA)—Municipal Securities Dealers and Government Securities Brokers and Dealers Registration and Withdrawal.

Description: This information collection covers the following forms: Form MSD (Application for Registration as a Municipal Securities Dealer Pursuant to Rule 1 5BA2-1 Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Amendment to Such Application), Form MSDW (Notice of Withdrawal From Registration From Registration as a Municipal Securities Dealer), Form MSD-4 (Uniform Application For Municipal Securities Principal or Municipal Securities Representative Associated With a Bank Municipal Securities Dealer), Form MSD-5 (Uniform Termination Notice for Municipal Securities Principal or Municipal Securities Representative Associated With a Bank Municipal Securities Dealer), Form G-FIN (Notice of Government Securities Broker or Government Securities Dealer Activities to be Filed by a Financial Institution Under Section 15C(a)(1)(B) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and Form G-FINW (Notice by a Financial Institutions of Termination of Activities as a Government Securities Broker or Government Securities Dealer). This information collection is required to satisfy the requirements of the Securities Act Amendments of 1975 and the Government Securities Act of 1986 which requires that any entity, including a national bank, that acts as a government securities broker/dealer or a municipal securities dealer notify the OCC of its broker/dealer activities. The OCC uses this information to determine