

& Lackawana Counties Bi-County Board of Commissioners at the following address: Wilkes-Barre Scranton International Airport, 100 Terminal Road, Avaco, Pennsylvania 18641.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Luzerne & Lackawana Counties Bi-County Board of Commissioners under § 158.23 of Part 158.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Carter, Acting Manager, Harrisburg Airports District Office, 3911 Hartzdale Dr., suite 1, Camp Hill, PA 17011. 717-782-4548. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to use the revenue from a PFC at the Wilkes-Barre Scranton International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On October 1, 1997, the FAA determined that the application to use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the Luzerne & Lackawana Counties Bi-County Board of Commissioners was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than January 2, 1998.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

*Application number:* 97-02-U-00-AVP.

*Level of the proposed PFC:* \$3.00.

*Proposed charge effective date:* December 1, 1993.

*Proposed charge expiration date:* December 1, 1998.

*Total estimated PFC revenue:* \$3,312,694.

*Brief description of proposed project:*

- Design Passenger Terminal Building
- Design Passenger Terminal Apron
- Design ARFF Building
- Construct Parallel Taxiway—Runway 10/28
- Construct Phase I—Cargo and General Apron
- Construct ARFF Building

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: Part 135 on-demand Air Taxi/Commercial Operators.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and at the FAA

regional Airports office located at: Fitzgerald Federal Building, John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York, 11430.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Luzerne & Lackawana Counties Bi-County Board of Commissioners.

Issued in Jamaica, New York on October 1, 1997.

**Thomas Felix,**

*Grant-In-Aids Program Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33408]

#### Gateway Western Railway Company—Lease Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board exempts from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323-25 the lease by Gateway Western Railway Company of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company's Coburg Line, extending a distance of 5.45 miles between milepost 0.0 at the Sheffield interlocking and milepost 5.45 near BV Junction, in Kansas City, Jackson County, MO, subject to standard labor protective conditions.

**DATES:** The exemption will be effective November 7, 1997. Petitions to stay must be filed by October 23, 1997. Petitions to reopen must be filed by November 3, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33408 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 all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative: William C. Sippel, Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, Two Prudential Plaza, 45th Floor, 180 North Stetson Avenue, Chicago, IL 60601.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beryl Gordon (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

#### **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 NEWS & DATA INC., 1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 210, Washington DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 289-4357. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 565-1695.]

Decided: September 29, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33460]

#### 4 States Railway Service, Inc., d/b/a West Chester Railroad Co.; Lease and Operation Exemption; Borough of West Chester

4 States Railway Service, Inc., d/b/a West Chester Railroad Co., a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to sublease and operate 6.405 miles of rail line from the Borough of West Chester (Borough)<sup>1</sup> between milepost 27.4 +/-, at Station 1386+06, in West Chester, Chester County, PA, and milepost 20.995+/, at Glen Mills Station, Glen Mills, Delaware County, PA.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after September 22, 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. 33460, 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 John K. Fiorilla, Esq., Watson, Stevens, Fiorilla & Rutter, 390 George Street, P.O. Box 1185, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

Decided: September 30, 1997.

<sup>1</sup> The owner of the property is Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA). On December 31, 1996, SEPTA leased the line to the Borough for tourist railroad operations.

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-487 (Sub-No. 2X)]

#### **Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Jefferson County, PA**

On September 18, 1997, Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, Inc. (PSRR), 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 line of railroad known as the Conifer Branch, extending from milepost 0.00 (milepost 24.29 on the main line of the Shawmut Subdivision), located south of Norman, PA, to milepost 5.08, located at or near Conifer, PA, which traverses U.S. Postal Service ZIP Code 15825, a distance of 5.08 miles, in Jefferson County, PA. The line includes the stations of Stanton, located at milepost 0.04; McGareys, located at milepost 0.06; Conifer, located at milepost 0.08; and End Conifer, located at milepost 0.10.

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 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 January 6, 1998.

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 OFA 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 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than October 28, 1997. 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-487 (Sub-No. 2X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Sebastian Ferrer, Gollatz, Griffin & Ewing, P.C., 213 West Miner Street, P.O. Box 796, West Chester, PA 19381-0796.

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 (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.

Decided: October 1, 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-487 (Sub-No. 4X)]

#### **Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Armstrong County, PA**

On September 18, 1997, Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, 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 line of railroad known as the Widnoon Branch, extending from railroad milepost 0.00 (milepost 60.42 on the mainline of the Shawmut Subdivision), located at or near Dee, PA, to milepost 3.14, located at or near Widnoon, PA, which traverses U.S.

Postal Service ZIP Codes 16261 and 16259, a distance of 3.14 miles, in Armstrong County, PA. The line includes the station of Widnoon at milepost 0.03.

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 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

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