

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Motor Vehicle Theft Law Enforcement Act of 1984 (Theft Act) was implemented to enhance detection and prosecution of motor vehicle theft (Pub. L. 98-547). The Theft Act added a new Title VI to the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act, which required the Secretary of Transportation to issue a theft prevention standard for identifying major parts of certain high-theft lines of passenger cars. The Act also addressed several other actions to reduce motor vehicle theft, such as: increased criminal penalties for those who traffic in stolen vehicles and parts; curtailment of the exportation of stolen motor vehicles and off-highway mobile equipment; establishment of penalties for dismantling vehicles for the purpose of trafficking in stolen parts; and development of ways to encourage decreases in premiums charged to consumers for motor vehicle theft insurance.

Title VI (which has since been recodified as 49 U.S.C. Chapter 331), was designed to impede the theft of motor vehicles by creating a theft prevention standard which required manufacturers of designated high-theft car lines to inscribe or affix a vehicle identification number onto the major component and replacement parts of all vehicle lines selected as high theft. The theft standard became effective in Model Year 1987 for designated high-theft car lines.

The "Anti-Car Theft Act of 1992" amended the law relating to the parts-marking of major component parts on designated high-theft vehicles. One amendment made by the Anti-Car Theft Act was to 49 U.S.C. 33101(10), where the definition of "passenger motor vehicle" now includes a "multipurpose passenger vehicle or light-duty truck when that vehicle or truck is rated at not more than 6,000 pounds gross vehicle weight." Since "passenger motor vehicle" was previously defined to include passenger cars only, the effect of the Anti-Car Theft Act is that certain multipurpose passenger vehicle (MPV) and light-duty truck (LDT) lines may be determined to be high-theft vehicles subject to the Federal motor vehicle theft prevention standard (49 CFR Part 541).

Section 33112 of Title 49 requires subject insurers or designated agents to report annually to the agency on theft and recovery of vehicles; rating rules and plans used by insurers to reduce premiums due to a reduction in motor vehicle thefts; and actions taken by insurers to assist in deterring thefts. Rental and leasing companies also are

required to provide annual theft reports to the agency.

The annual insurer reports provided under section 33112 are intended to aid in implementing the Theft Act and fulfilling the Department's requirements to report to the public the results of the insurer reports. The first annual insurer report, referred to as the Section 612 Report on Motor Vehicle Theft, was prepared by the agency and issued in December 1987. The report included theft and recovery data by vehicle type, make, line, and model which were tabulated by insurance companies and, rental and leasing companies. Comprehensive premium information for each of the reporting insurance companies was also included. This is the tenth report and it discloses the same subject information and follows the same reporting format.

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Stephen R. Kratzke,

Acting Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33777]

RailAmerica, Inc.—Control Exemption—Florida Rail Lines, Inc., Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad Corporation, Marksman Corporation, and Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway Corporation

RailAmerica, Inc. (RailAmerica), a noncarrier holding company, has filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of Florida Rail Lines, Inc. (Florida Rail), a noncarrier, and to acquire control of Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad Corporation (TPW), Marksman Corporation (Marksman), and Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway Corporation (Railway). Florida Rail will acquire 100% of the outstanding stock of TPW. TPW owns 100% of the stock of Marksman,¹ and Marksman owns 100% of the stock of Railway.²

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after August 31, 1999.

On July 30, 1999, RailAmerica also filed a motion for protective order under

49 CFR 1104.14 and a protective order was granted.³

RailAmerica states that, at the time of its filing of the notice of exemption, it controlled 11 common carrier Class III rail carriers operating in 8 states.⁴

RailAmerica states that: (i) These railroads do not connect with each other; (ii) the acquisition of control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the railroads with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction 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 rail 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. 33777, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on (1) Gary A. Laasko, Esq., RailAmerica, Inc., 5300 Broken Sound Boulevard N.W., Second Floor, Boca Raton, FL 33487, and (2) Louis E. Gitomer, Esq., Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, NW, Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

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

³ See *RailAmerica, Inc.—Control Exemption—Florida Rail Lines, Inc., Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad Corporation, Marksman Corporation, and Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway Corporation*, STB Finance Docket No. 33777 (STB served Aug. 5, 1999).

⁴ See *RailAmerica, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Ventura County Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 33650 (STB served Sept. 24, 1998).

¹ See *The Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad Corporation—Continuance in Control Exemption—Marksman Corporation*, STB Finance Docket No. 33483 (STB served Oct. 16, 1997).

² See *Marksman Corporation—Lease and Operation Exemption—J.K. Line, Inc.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33481 (STB served Oct. 16, 1997).

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Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33798]

Canadian National Railway Company— Trackage Rights Exemption—New York Central Lines LLC

New York Central Lines LLC (NYC) has agreed to grant limited, non-exclusive overhead trackage rights to Canadian National Railway Company (CN) over a segment of NYC's lines between CP 437 on Belt Line Branch and the NYC/South Buffalo Railroad (SBRR) connection at the west end of NYC's Seneca Yard near Chicago Line milepost 5.0, both in the vicinity of Buffalo, NY, via: (i)(a) Chicago Line between CP 437 and CP 2, or (b) Compromise Branch between CP 437 and CP 2; and (ii) NYC's designated Seneca Yard trackage between CP 2 and CP 5, a total distance of approximately 7-8 miles, depending upon route, including NYC Seneca Yard trackage that CN requires to reasonably conduct interchange with SBRR.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after September 10, 1999.

The purpose of the trackage rights is generally to improve service and transit times for CN's traffic moving through the Buffalo area, and to facilitate CN's interchange with SBRR.

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. 33798, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Robert P. vom Eigen, Esq., Hopkins & Sutter, 888 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

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

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Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics

AGENCY: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of cancellation of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) is canceling the meeting of its Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics (ACTS) scheduled for September 17, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was announced in the **Federal Register** on September 10, 1999 (64 FR 49273). BTS will announce an alternative date as soon as possible.

Ashish Sen,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Geriatrics and Gerontology, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice that a meeting of the Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee (GGAC) will be held on September 29-30, 1999, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, in Room 230, located at 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The purpose of the GGAC is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary for Health relative to the care and treatment of the aging veterans, and to evaluate the Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Centers. The Committee will meet from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. (EST) on September 29 and from 9:00 a.m. until noon (EST) on September 30.

The agenda for September 29 will begin with a discussion of VA activities in Geriatrics and Extended Care. The first day's agenda will also include a discussion on the current expansion of the GRECC program and highlight the GRECC Director's meeting. On September 30, the Committee will address strategic planning for the GGAC.

The meeting will be open to the public. Individuals who wish to attend the meeting should contact Jacqueline Holmes, Program Assistant, Geriatrics and Extended Care Strategic Health Care Group at (202) 273-8539.

Dated: September 9, 1999.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Marvin R. Eason,

Committee Management Officer.

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