

exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire a permanent and exclusive easement over approximately 4.87 miles of rail line from the North Carolina Ports Railway Commission (PRC), and to operate over those lines pursuant to an operating agreement with the North Carolina State Ports Authority (SPA).¹ The subject rail line extends from the connection with the Norfolk Southern Railway Company (Atlantic & East Carolina Railway) at milepost 0.0 in Morehead City, NC, to milepost 0.87 at Gallants Channel near Morehead City, a distance of .87 miles in Carteret County, NC, serving the intermediate stations of Marsh Island and Radio Island, and includes all of the railroad tracks on the Port of Morehead City, whether denominated as spurs, side tracks, industrial tracks, or otherwise, together with all of PRC's yard and interchange tracks.² The subject lines include approximately 4 miles of intra-terminal track at the Morehead City terminal over which CRS currently operates a terminal switching railroad.

CRS states that the impetus for this transaction is new legislation enacted by the State of North Carolina legislature, SB 1115, ratified September 20, 2002. This legislation, among other things, requires the transfer of PRC's assets and liabilities, except its common carrier obligation, to SPA, and abolishes PRC.

On October 15, 2002, CRS filed a related notice of exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 34268, *Carolina Rail Service, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Beaufort & Morehead Railway, Inc.*, wherein CRS seeks to acquire the Beaufort & Morehead Railway, Inc.'s operating authority over the .87 miles of rail line listed above in Carteret County, NC.

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

CRS indicates that it expects to consummate the transaction by November 20, 2002, but not before the October 8, 2002 effective date of the

exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

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 does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34256, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Karl Morell, 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.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34257]

Wilmington Terminal Railroad, L.P.— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—North Carolina Ports Railway Commission and North Carolina State Ports Authority

Wilmington Terminal Railroad, L.P. (WTR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire a permanent and exclusive easement over approximately 18 miles of rail line from the North Carolina Ports Railway Commission (PRC), and to operate over those lines pursuant to an operating agreement with the North Carolina State Ports Authority (SPA).¹ The subject lines are located in Wilmington, New Hanover County, NC, and include the following: (1) The Front Street Spur, from the east line of Third Street at CSX Rail Valuation Station 91+37.3 and extending generally in a northerly direction, a distance of approximately 0.66 miles, to CSX Rail Valuation Station 56+39; (2) the New River Spur, from the CSX Rail Valuation

Station 0+00, (also known as Rail Valuation Station 86+20) on the Front Street Spur at the west line of Second Street and extending generally in a southerly direction a distance of approximately 3.5 miles, to CSX Rail Valuation Station 185+00; and (3) the line from the north entrance to the Port of Wilmington at Transit Road, near its intersection with Burnett Blvd., to the south entrance to the Port, at River Road near its intersection with Shipyard Blvd., through and including the classification yards and including all of the railroad tracks on the Port, whether denominated as spurs, side tracks, industrial tracks, or otherwise (but excluding crane rails).² WTR currently operates the subject lines.

WTR states that the impetus for this transaction is new legislation enacted by the State of North Carolina legislature, SB 1115, ratified September 20, 2002. This legislation, among other things, requires the transfer of PRC's assets and liabilities, except its common carrier obligation, to SPA, and abolishes PRC.

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

WTR indicates that it expects to consummate the transaction by November 20, 2002, but not before the October 8, 2002 effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

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 does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34257, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Donald G. Avery, Slover & Loftus, 1224 Seventeenth Street NW., Washington, DC 20036.

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¹ In a related matter, SPA filed a notice of exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 34258, *North Carolina State Port Authority—Acquisition Exemption—North Carolina Ports Railway Commission*, wherein SPA seeks to acquire the right-of-way, trackage, and other rail assets of these rail lines. SPA also filed a motion to dismiss that notice on jurisdictional grounds.

² Our predecessor, the Interstate Commerce Commission, exempted PRC from regulation under the Interstate Commerce Act, but determined that PRC had a residual common carrier obligation over these lines. See *North Carolina Ports Railway Commission—Petition for Declaratory Order or Prospective Abandonment Exemption*, Finance Docket No. 31248 (ICC served Sept. 30, 1988).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34261]

Summit View, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Aliquippa & Ohio River Railroad Co.

Summit View, Inc. (Summit), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of Aliquippa & Ohio River Railroad Co. (AORR), upon AORR's becoming a Class III railroad.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on October 10, 2002, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the notice was filed).

This transaction is related to the concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 34260, *Aliquippa & Ohio River Railroad Co.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Lines in Aliquippa, PA*, wherein AORR seeks to acquire and operate approximately 21 miles of rail lines currently owned and operated by Aliquippa & Southern Railroad (A&S), in the vicinity of Aliquippa, PA. AORR will interchange with CSX Transportation, Inc., at Aliquippa. AORR will handle freight traffic for the customers formerly served by A&S, without any change in material level or quality of transportation service.

At the time it filed this notice, Summit controlled nine Class III railroads: The Columbus & Ohio River Rail Road Company; Ohio Central Railroad, Inc.; Mahoning Valley Railway Company; Ohio & Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Ohio Southern Railroad, Inc.; Youngstown & Austintown Railroad, Inc.; Warren & Trumbull Railroad Company; the Youngstown Belt Railroad Company; and the Pittsburgh & Ohio Central Railroad Company, all operating in the States of Pennsylvania and Ohio.

AORR states that: (1) The railroads do not connect with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; (2) the continuance in control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the ten railroads with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; and (3) 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 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. 34261, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Kelvin J. Dowd, Slover & Loftus, 1224 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

[Docket BTS-2001-10909]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review: OMB No. 2139-0002 and 2139-0004 (Financial and Operating Statistics for Motor Carriers of Property)

AGENCY: Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: BTS has submitted the following two Information Collection Requests (ICRs) described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Pub. L. 104-13. The agency has issued two previous **Federal Register** notices on

related PRA burden estimates. BTS has received additional public comments on the related burden estimates for motor carriers of property (Class I and Class II) subject to BTS regulations, and OMB has asked the agency to conduct a reevaluation of the ICRs and the related burden estimates. Therefore, based on comments received to BTS Docket 10909, BTS is providing a summary of its reevaluation and analysis of the original burden estimates for each ICR and is requesting an extension from OMB through May 31, 2005. The current OMB approval expires on May 31, 2003, for each form.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW., Room 10202, Washington, DC 20502, ATTN: Desk Officer for the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. Comments should identify the docket number and be submitted in duplicate. OMB requests comments by November 29, 2002, to process the ICR expeditiously.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Paula R. Robinson, Compliance Program Manager, Office of Motor Carrier Information, K-13, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001; (202) 366-2984; fax: (202) 366-3364; e-mail: paula.robinson@bts.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Financial and Operating Statistics for Motor Carriers of Property. *OMB Approval Numbers:* 2139-0002 (Form QFR) and 2139-0004 (Form M).

The Financial and Operating Statistics (F&OS) for Motor Carriers of Property is a collection of annual and quarterly financial and operating statistics data from the motor carrier community. The regulations require motor carriers of property with annual revenues of \$3 million or more to file annual reports, and carriers with annual revenues of \$10 million or more to file quarterly reports with BTS, as required by 49 CFR 1420, Reports of Motor Carriers. The agency ensures that the data and information collected are made publicly available as mandated by Congress (49 U.S.C. 14123).

In accordance with OMB regulations (5 CFR part 1320), each agency that is renewing an information collection activity must notify the public of its intention to renew the collection activity, provide an opportunity for public comment, and notify the public when the agency has sent its information clearance package to OMB.