

to define in this proceeding those cases that would qualify for processing under simplified procedures or whether it is more desirable to have that determination made on a case-by-case basis.

DATES: Comments must be filed by February 5, 1996. Replies must be filed by March 4, 1996.

ADDRESSES: An original and 20 copies of all documents must refer to Ex Parte No. 347 (Sub-No. 2) and be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Attn: Ex Parte No. 347 (Sub-No. 2), Interstate Commerce Commission, 1201 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20423. Parties are encouraged also to submit all pleadings and attachments on a 3.5-inch diskette in WordPerfect 5.1 format.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen D. Hanson or Thomas J. Stilling, (202) 927-7312. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Commission's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC News & Data, Inc., Room 2229, Interstate Commerce Commission Building, 1201 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services at (202) 927-5721.]

The Commission tentatively concludes that the proposed action, which seeks to develop standards for small rate cases, will not have a substantial impact upon a significant number of small entities, and that any impact it might have on such entities will be favorable.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Decided: November 22, 1995.

By the Commission, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Owen and Commissioner Simmons.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 162)]

**Illinois Central Railroad Company—
Abandonment—in Jackson, Hinds
County, MS**

The Commission has found that the public convenience and necessity permit Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) to abandon a 5.8-mile

segment of rail line known as the Little J line, between milepost LN-0.2 and milepost LN-6.0 (together with 2.14 miles of side track, for a total of 7.94 track-miles), within the City of Jackson, Hinds County, MS, subject to standard employee protective conditions.

A certificate will be issued authorizing abandonment unless, within 15 days after publication of this Notice, the Commission also finds that: (1) A financially responsible person has offered financial assistance, through subsidy or purchase, to enable the rail service to be continued; and (2) it is likely that the assistance would fully compensate the railroad.

Any offers of financial assistance must be filed with the Commission and IC no later than 10 days from publication of this Notice. The offer, referring to Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 162), must be addressed to: (1) Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20423; and (2) Myles L. Tobin, Illinois Central Railroad Company, 455 North Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, IL 60611-5504. The following notation must be typed in bold face on the lower left-hand corner of the envelope containing the offer: "Office of Proceedings, AB-OFA." Any offer previously made must be remade within this 10-day period.

Information and procedures regarding financial assistance for continued rail service are contained in 49 U.S.C. 10905 and 49 CFR 1152.27. Additional information is contained in the Commission's Decision. To purchase a copy of the full Decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC NEWS & DATA, INC., Interstate Commerce Commission Building, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 2229, Washington, D.C. 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services at (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: November 22, 1995.

By the Commission, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Owen, and Commissioner Simmons.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. AB-12 (Sub-No. 152X)]

**Southern Pacific Transportation
Company—Abandonment Exemption—
in Orange County, CA**

AGENCY: Interstate Commerce Commission.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Commission, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10505, exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903-04 the abandonment by Southern Pacific Transportation Company of 1.64 miles of railroad in Orange County, CA, subject to standard labor protective conditions and a public use condition.

DATES: Provided no formal expression of intent to file a financial assistance offer has been received, this exemption will be effective on January 4, 1996. Formal expressions of intent to file financial assistance offers¹ under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) must be filed by December 15, 1995. Petitions to stay must be filed by December 20, 1995. Petitions to reopen must be filed by January 2, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings referring to Docket No. AB-12 (Sub-No. 152X) to: (1) Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) Petitioner's representative: Gary A. Laakso, Southern Pacific Building, One Market Plaza, San Francisco, CA 94105.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 927-5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Commission's decision. To obtain a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC NEWS & DATA, INC., Interstate Commerce Commission Building, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 2229, Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 927-5721.]

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By the Commission, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Owen, and Commissioner Simmons.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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¹ See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).