

or ferry discontinuance regulations, have been repealed. We are therefore removing the now obsolete part 1153 regulations.¹ These changes are not necessarily the final changes in the regulations resulting from the elimination of 49 U.S.C. 10908 and 10909.²

Because this action merely reflects, and is required by, the enactment of the Act and will not have an adverse effect on the interests of any person, this action will be deemed to be effective as of January 1, 1996.

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

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 1153

Administrative practice and procedure, Railroads.

Decided: February 15, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble and under the authority of 49 U.S.C. 721(a), title 49, chapter X of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended by removing part 1153.

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49 CFR Part 1175

[STB Ex Parte No. 535]

Removal of Obsolete Securities Regulations

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (the Board) is removing obsolete regulations concerning securities from the Code of Federal Regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon (202) 927-5610. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective January 1, 1996, the ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109

¹ These regulations were last modified in *Discontinuance or Change of Train or Ferry Service*, 366 I.C.C. 877 (1983).

² At this time, we are not removing related matters found in the regulations concerning user fees (§ 1002) and environmental regulations (§ 1105.6), because we plan to separately address those parts shortly. Parties may submit other suggested changes to the Code of Federal Regulations in light of the elimination of § 10908 and § 10909.

Stat. 803 (the Act), abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission (the Commission) and established within the Department of Transportation the Surface Transportation Board. Section 204 of the Act provides that "[t]he Board shall promptly rescind all regulations established by the [Commission] that are based on provisions of law repealed and not substantively reenacted by this Act." 49 U.S.C. 11301, the statutory basis for the part 1175 exempt issuance of securities and assumption of obligations regulations, has been repealed. We are therefore removing the now obsolete part 1175 regulations.¹ These changes are not necessarily the final modifications in the regulations resulting from the elimination of 49 U.S.C. 11301.²

Because this action merely reflects, and is required by, the enactment of the Act and will not have an adverse effect on the interests of any person, this action will be deemed to be effective as of January 1, 1996.

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

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 1175

Administrative practice and procedure, Railroads, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Securities.

Decided: February 20, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble and under the authority of 49 U.S.C. 721(a), title 49, chapter X of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended by removing part 1175.

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¹ These regulations were issued in *Exemption—Railroad Regulation Under 49 U.S.C. 11301*, 1 I.C.C.2d 915 (1985).

² At this time, we are not removing related matters found in the regulations concerning user fees (§ 1002), the environment (§ 1105.6(c)(2)(ii)), certificates to construct, acquire or operate railroad lines (§ 1150.10(d)), and interlocking officers (§ 1185.2), because we plan to separately address those parts shortly. Parties may submit other suggested changes to the Code of Federal Regulation in light of the elimination of § 11301.

49 CFR Part 1314

[STB Ex Parte No. 530]

Removal of Obsolete Rail Tariff Regulations

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (the Board) is removing obsolete rail tariff regulations from the Code of Federal Regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon (202) 927-5610. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective January 1, 1996, the ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (the Act), abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission (the Commission) and established within the Department of Transportation the Surface Transportation Board. Section 204 of the Act provides that "[t]he Board shall promptly rescind all regulations established by the [Commission] that are based on provisions of law repealed and not substantively reenacted by this Act." 49 U.S.C. 10761 and 10762, the statutory bases for the part 1314 rail tariff regulations,¹ have been repealed. Carriers no longer have to file or maintain tariffs. We are therefore removing the now obsolete part 1314 regulations.² Tariff regulations at part 1312, which cover other modes of transportation for which tariff filing requirements were not completely eliminated, will be separately addressed and revised.³

Because this action merely reflects, and is required by, the enactment of the

¹ These regulations were promulgated in *Electronic Filing of Tariffs*, 5 I.C.C.2d 279 (1989), rules stayed, 5 I.C.C.2d 1052 (1989), stay lifted as to rail carrier tariffs, 6 I.C.C.2d 153 (1989). We subsequently amended our regulations to reflect the status quo for publishing electronic and printed tariffs, and we terminated the proceeding. *Electronic Filing of Tariffs 49 CFR Parts 1312 and 1314*, Ex Parte No. 444 (ICC served Mar. 10, 1995).

² While the Act removes the requirement that a tariff be filed or maintained, rail carriers must establish and maintain rates and service terms for transportation that are provided under common carriage. Moreover, under 49 U.S.C. 11101(b), rail carriers must disclose those rates to any person upon request. For agricultural products, the rail carrier shall also "publish, make available, and retain for public inspection its common carrier rates, schedules of rates, and other service terms. * * *" 49 U.S.C. 11101(d). The Board will separately issue new regulations implementing these requirements. Under 49 U.S.C. 11101(e), a rail carrier is required to provide transportation and service according to the rates and service terms it has published or otherwise made available.

³ Parties may inform the Board whether other regulations are affected by the elimination of § 10761 and § 10762.