

1996. We are therefore discontinuing the proceedings heretofore instituted in Ex Parte No. 388 (Sub-Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 33, 35, and 36) (the certification sub-dockets for Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, respectively).

A copy of this notice will be served on the Governor of each State, the Public Service Commission (or other appropriate regulatory agency) in each State, and all other parties of record in Ex Parte No. 388, Ex Parte No. 388 A, and Ex Parte No. 388 (Sub-Nos. 1 through 37).

This action (we are simply stating the effect that ICCTA had on the preexisting certification regime) will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Decided: March 21, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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Surface Transportation Board¹

[STB Docket No. AB-467X]

J.P. Rail Inc., T/A Southern Railroad Company of New Jersey— Abandonment Exemption; in Linwood, Atlantic County, NJ

J.P. Rail Inc., T/A Southern Railroad Company of New Jersey (SRNJ) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 Subpart F; *Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 3.38 mile line of its rail line known as the Linwood Industrial Track, from that point on the line in Pleasantville, in the vicinity of Decatur Avenue (approximately milepost 0.31+) to the end of the line in the vicinity of Wilson Avenue and Poplar Avenue (approximately milepost 3.69+) in Linwood, Atlantic County, NJ.²

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (the Act), which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10903.

² The verified notice of exemption was filed on March 5, 1996. Board staff contacted SRNJ and requested clarification of its verified notice. SRNJ

SRNJ has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to use of this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on May 3, 1996, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,³ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),⁴ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29⁵ must be filed by April 15, 1996. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by April 23, 1996, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Surface Transportation

supplemented the record by letter filed March 14, 1996. Because the notice must be filed with the Board at least 50 days before the abandonment is to be consummated, consummation may not occur before May 3, 1996. See 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(2). SRNJ has confirmed that the correct consummation date of the abandonment will be May 3, 1996. As noted subsequently in this notice, the exemption will be effective on that date.

³ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

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

⁵ The Board will accept late-filed trail use requests so long as the abandonment has not been consummated and the abandoning railroad is willing to negotiate an agreement.

Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: John K. Fiorilla, Watson, Stevens, Fiorilla & Rutter, 390 George Street, P.O. Box 1185, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

SRNJ has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by April 8, 1996. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 3219, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling Elaine Kaiser, Chief of SEA, at (202) 927-6248. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Decided: March 26, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices, Debt Management Advisory Committee; Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 10(a)(2), that a meeting will be held at the U.S. Treasury Department, 15th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, on April 30 and May 1, 1996, of the following debt management advisory committee:

Public Securities Association
Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee

The agenda for the meeting provides for a technical background briefing by Treasury staff on April 30, followed by a charge by the Secretary of the Treasury or his designate that the committee discuss particular issues, and a working session. On May 1, the committee will present a written report of its recommendations.

The background briefing by Treasury staff will be held at 11:30 a.m. Eastern time on April 30 and will be open to the public. The remaining sessions on April