

Department of Transportation, Room 2230, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590.

On May 7, 1996, at 9 a.m., the TPSSC will meet. Agenda items include discussion of the Mail Ballot on Docket PS-143, Periodic Updates to Pipeline Safety Regulations (61 FR 8231), published March 4, 1996.

On May 7, 1996, at 1 p.m., the TPSSC will be joined by members of the THLPSSC for a joint session which will include:

1. Welcome by the RSPA Administrator
2. Budget and Reauthorization
3. Regulatory Reinvention Initiative
4. Risk Management
5. State Programs and Grants
6. Damage Prevention Quality Action Team

On May 8, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the joint TPSSC-THLPSSC session will include:

1. Briefing on Research and Development Contracts
2. Regulatory Reinvention Initiative
3. Regulatory Updates, including
  - Environmentally Sensitive Areas,
  - Excess Flow Valves,
  - Mapping Projects,
  - Increased Inspection Requirements, and
  - Emergency Flow Restricting Devices

At 1 p.m., the THLPSSC will meet. Agenda items include discussion of Mail Ballot on Docket PS-143.

Each meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public may present oral statements on the topics. Due to the limited time available, each person who wants to make an oral statement must notify Eben Wyman, Room 2335, Department of Transportation Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 366-0918, not later than April 30, 1996, on the topics to be addressed and the time requested to address each topic. The presiding officer may deny any request to present an oral statement and may limit the time of any oral presentation. Members of the public may present written statements to the Committee before or after any meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC on April 16, 1996.

Richard B. Felder.

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.  
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## Surface Transportation Board <sup>1</sup>

[Finance Docket No. 32792]

### Wisconsin and Southern Railroad Company—Purchase Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** The Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10505, exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11343, et seq., the purchase by Wisconsin and Southern Railroad Company (WSOR) of 1.4 miles of railroad line between milepost 19.1 and milepost 20.5 at Ripon, WI, from the Union Pacific Railroad Company. The exemption is granted subject to standard labor protective conditions.

**DATES:** This exemption is effective on May 22, 1996. Petitions to stay must be filed by May 7, 1996. Petitions to reopen must be filed by May 17, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Send pleadings referring to Finance Docket No. 32792 to: (1) Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423, and (2) Petitioner's representative: John D. Heffner, Rea, Cross and Auchincloss, 1920 N Street, N.W., Suite 420, Washington, DC 20036.

**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 Board'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, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: April 5, 1996.

<sup>1</sup>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 and proceedings to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). Section 204(b)(1) of the Act provides, in general, that proceedings pending before the ICC on the effective date of that legislation shall be decided under the law in effect prior to January 1, 1996, insofar as they involve functions retained by the Act. This notice relates to a proceeding that was pending with the ICC prior to January 1, 1996, and to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10902. Therefore, this notice applies the law in effect prior to the Act, and citations are to the former sections of the statute, unless otherwise indicated.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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## Surface Transportation Board <sup>1</sup>

[STB Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1160X)]

### Consolidated Rail Corporation—Abandonment Exemption—in Erie County, NY

Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 1.76 mile portion of its Erie Running Track between milepost 5.54 and milepost 7.30, and a portion of its Black Rock Industrial Track between milepost 392.80 and milepost 393.67 in the City of Buffalo, Erie County, NY.<sup>2</sup>

Conrail has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted from 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 22,

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<sup>2</sup>The portion of the Black Rock Industrial Track parallels and shares a common right-of-way with the portion of the Erie Running Track.