in the tariff-rate quota for refined sugar for the October 1, 1995–September 30, 1996 period. This allocation is also subject to the condition that the total imports of raw and refined sugar from Mexico, combined, is not to exceed 7,258 metric tons raw value.

These modifications in the allocations fulfill obligations pursuant to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Under the NAFTA, the United States is to provide total access for raw and refined sugar from Mexico of 7,258 metric tons, raw value, for this quota period.

Charlene Barshefsky,

Acting United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board [1]

[STB Finance Docket No. 32997]

Soo Line Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Wisconsin Central Ltd.

Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL), a Class II railroad, will agree to grant overhead trackage rights to Soo Line Railroad Company (Soo), a Class I railroad, over its trackage between milepost 10.9+/− at Forest Park to milepost 16.78+/− at Franklin Park, Cook County, IL, a total of approximately 5.88+/− miles of rail line.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on July 19, 1996.

The trackage rights will enable Soo to operate its trains between Forest Park and Franklin Park, IL.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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. 32997, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Larry D. Starns, Esq., 1000 Soo Line Building, P.O. Box 530, 105 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

Decided: July 18, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[1] The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104–88, 109 Stat. 803, which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission 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. 11323–24.

Surface Transportation Board [1]

[STB Finance Docket No. 32998]

Soo Line Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Wisconsin Central Ltd.

Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL), a Class II railroad, will agree to grant overhead trackage rights to Soo Line Railroad Company (Soo), a Class I railroad, over its trackage between milepost 15.35+/− at Franklin Park to milepost 18.75+/− at Schiller Park, Cook County, IL, a total of approximately 3.40+/− miles of rail line.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on July 19, 1996.

The trackage rights will enable Soo to operate its trains to and from its intermodal facility located at Schiller Park, IL.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

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[STB Finance Docket No. 32995]

Wisconsin Central Ltd. and Soo Line Railroad Company—Joint Relocation Project Exemption—Schiller Park, IL

Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL), a Class II railroad, and Soo Line Railroad Company, d/b/a CP Rail System, (Soo), a Class I railroad, have jointly filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(5) to enter into a project to exchange rail lines through a rail yard in Schiller Park, IL (Schiller Park Yard).[2]

To unify the underlying ownership interest in the affected lines with existing operational patterns, to facilitate efficient train operations, and to accommodate an on-going commuter rail project on WCL's line being undertaken by Metra, the commuter rail authority for the metropolitan Chicago area, WCL and Soo have determined that a permanent restructuring of property rights at Schiller Park Yard is warranted. WCL will acquire Soo's Gauntlet Track extending from the current Soo property line at milepost

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[2] In *Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Exemption Acquisition and Operation—Certain Lines of Soo Line Railroad Company*, Finance Docket No. 31102 (ICC served Sept. 11, 1987, Oct. 8, 1987 and July 28, 1988), WCL acquired Soo's line extending south from the Wisconsin border to Forest Park, in the Chicago area. Soo, however, retained ownership of the Schiller Park Yard, for use as an intermodal facility. WCL's main line bisects the yard on a 66-foot right of way. Because of potential difficulties with this arrangement, WCL and Soo agreed to exchange operational control of routes through Schiller Park Yard. Under that arrangement, until such time as Soo relocated its intermodal facility from Schiller Park Yard, WCL would temporarily operate Soo's Gauntlet Track around the Schiller Park Yard, and Soo would temporarily assume control of WCL's Track 6 and 7. That arrangement has continued since 1987.