

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Surface Transportation Board<sup>1</sup>**

[STB Finance Docket No. 32991]

**Pickens Railway Acquisition Company (d/b/a Pickens Railway Company)<sup>2</sup>—Acquisition Exemption—Norfolk Southern Railway Company**

Pickens Railway Acquisition Company (d/b/a Pickens Railway Company) (PKHP), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire by lease and grant of trackage rights from the Norfolk Southern Railway Company 19.27 route miles of railroad line. The lines to be leased extend between milepost V-117.77 and milepost V-116.85, at or near Belton, and between milepost V-115.15, at or near Belton, and milepost V-109.50, at or near Honea Path, a total of 6.57 miles, in Anderson County, SC. The lines over which trackage rights are to be granted extend between milepost 116.85 and milepost V-115.15, at or near Belton, and between milepost Z-0.00, at or near Belton, and milepost Z-11.00, at or near Anderson, a total of 12.70 miles, in Anderson County, SC. PKHP will operate the property.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or after August 1, 1996.

<sup>1</sup> 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. 10902.

<sup>2</sup> By letter dated June 25, 1996, applicant's representative advised the Board that the name of the railroad which was the subject of the notice of exemption in *Pickens Railway Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—The Pickens Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 32897 (STB served May 1, 1996), should be changed to Pickens Railway Acquisition Company (d/b/a Pickens Railway Company).

If the notice 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 does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 32991, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on: Fritz R. Kahn, Esq., Suite 750 West, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005-3934. Telephone: (202) 371-8037.

Decided: July 26, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Internal Revenue Service****On-Line Filing Program**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice to seek On-Line Filing participation by On-Line service providers, transmitters, and software developers.

**SUMMARY:** Starting October 30, 1996 through January 1, 1997, the IRS will begin acceptance and software testing their On-Line Filing Program. And, by January 12, 1997, the IRS will have the On-Line Filing Program fully operational nationwide. Also, the IRS is expanding its program to accept both Federal and State returns nationwide to be filed electronically in one transmission to the IRS.

**DATES:** Parties interested in participating in the transmission and software development of Federal/State returns under the On-Line Filing Program should contact IRS On-Line Filing Analyst, Maxanne Rearich at (202) 283-0265 or write the Internal Revenue Service at the following address on or before September 3, 1996: Internal Revenue Service, Productivity Enhancements, Attn: On-Line Filing Analyst, T:S:E:P, Room 5037, 1111 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The IRS Alternative Ways of Filing On-Line Filing Program Analyst at 202-283-0210.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Tax returns will be submitted to the IRS through a third party transmitter or an on-line service provider via computer, modem, and software. The third party must be able to reformat the data into the IRS proprietary format. The third party may provide tax forms or tax preparation software at a charge to the taxpayer (at their option), and may charge for their transmittal services (at their option). In order to be accepted into the program, representatives must submit an application (including appropriate fingerprint cards) and pass Suitability and Participant Acceptance Testing. IRS Publication 1345 will be provided to explain this process. No reimbursement for any costs connected with providing the requested information will be made by the IRS. This document is for informational purpose and does not constitute an Invitation For Bid (IFB), Request for Proposal (RFP), or Request For Quotation (RFQ) and is not to be construed as a commitment by the IRS.

Patricia M. Hudak,

*Chief, Alternative Ways of Filing Office.*

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