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

[STB Finance Docket No. 33006]

#### Berlin Mills Railway, Inc.—Acquisition Exemption—New Hampshire and Vermont Railroad, Inc.

Berlin Mills Railway, Inc. (BMS), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from the New Hampshire and Vermont Railroad, Inc., 5.5 miles of rail line located between Milepost 154.6, at Berlin, NH, and Milepost 149.1, at Gorham, NH. BMS will operate the property.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or after August 5, 1996.

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.

<sup>1</sup> The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. 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.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33006, 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: Kelvin J. Dowd, Esq., Slover & Loftus, 1224 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 347-7170.

Decided: August 1, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,  
*Secretary.*

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

[STB Finance Docket No. 33001]

#### Fort Worth and Western Railroad Company—Acquisition Exemption—Line of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company

Fort Worth and Western Railroad Company (FWWR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire a rail line of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company extending from Milepost 0.82, at Belt Junction, to Milepost 1.29, a distance of approximately 0.47 miles, in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, TX. FWWR will operate the property.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after July 31, 1996.

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. 33001, 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: Kevin M. Sheys, Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, 1020 Nineteenth Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 293-6300.

<sup>1</sup> The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. 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.

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

[STB Finance Docket No. 33012]

#### Warren & Trumbull Railroad Company—Acquisition Exemption—Lines of Consolidated Rail Corporation

Warren & Trumbull Railroad Company (WTRC), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) 12.9 miles of rail line (Lordstown Cluster Lines) in the State of Ohio between Milepost 15.5 and Milepost 17.3, in North Warren; between Milepost 17.3, in Warren, and Milepost 20.0, in North Warren; between Milepost 57.0, at Deforest, and Milepost 58.5, at Niles; between Milepost 62.1, at Niles, and Milepost 66.4, at Youngstown; between Milepost 0.0, at Brier Hill, and Milepost 0.7, at Leadville; and between Milepost 4.1, at Ohio Works Junction, and Milepost 6.0, at Girard. In addition, WTRC will acquire incidental trackage rights to operate over the Conrail line between Youngstown and Warren, OH, for the purpose of connecting operations over the Lordstown Cluster Lines and between these lines and WTRC's existing lines, and facilitating an interchange with Conrail at its Haselton Yard. WTRC will operate the property.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after August 2, 1996.

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. 33012, 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

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