

RSPA. The experience gained by the pipeline industry and RSPA with the use of the PSF flow loop in this project will provide a framework to develop procedures for evaluating pig performance. Defect detection reliability is critical if instrumented pigging is to be used as an in-line inspection tool in pipeline industry risk management programs.

The ultimate benefits of the project could be more efficient and cost-effective operations, maintenance programs to monitor and enhance the safety of gas transmission and hazardous liquid pipelines. Pipeline companies will benefit from having access to inspection technologies for detecting critical mechanical damage and stress-corrosion cracks. Inspection tool vendors will benefit by understanding where improvements are beneficial and needed. These benefits will support RSPA's long-range objective of ensuring the safety and reliability of the gas transmission and hazardous liquid pipeline infrastructure.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on October 4, 1996.

Richard B. Felder,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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Surface Transportation Board¹

[STB Finance Docket No. 33135]

The Columbus & Ohio River Rail Road Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Consolidated Rail Corporation

The Columbus & Ohio River Rail Road Company, a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire by purchase, and to operate, approximately 2.5 miles of rail line owned by Consolidated Rail Corporation between CP 138 and 17th Street in Columbus, OH. Consummation was expected to occur on or after September 30, 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 will not automatically stay the transaction.

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. 10902.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33135, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423 and served on: Kelvin J. Dowd, Esq., Slover & Loftus, 1224 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

Decided: October 3, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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Surface Transportation Board¹

[STB Finance Docket No. 33044]

Flats Industrial Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Consolidated Rail Corporation

Flats Industrial Railroad Company, a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire by purchase, and to operate, approximately 4 miles of rail lines owned by Consolidated Rail Corporation between M.P. 14 at Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, OH, and M.P. 10 at Carter Road, Cuyahoga County, OH, including the industrial lead to Cereal Food Processors, Inc. The proposed transaction was to have been consummated on or after October 1, 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 will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33044, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423 and served on: D. Scott Morgan, Gallagher Reilly and Lachat, 2000 Market Street, Suite 1300, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Decided: October 3, 1996.

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. 10901.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[STB Finance Docket No. 33122]

Northwestern Stage Lines, Inc., and Greyhound Lines, Inc.—Purchase (Portion) Exemption

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.
ACTION: Notice of filing of petition for exemption.

SUMMARY: Petitioners, Northwestern Stage Lines, Inc. (NWL), and Greyhound Lines, Inc. (GLI), jointly seek an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 13541, from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 14303(a)(2),² for each to acquire certain operating rights of the other, within the State of Washington, in interstate, intrastate, and foreign commerce.

DATES: Comments must be filed by October 31, 1996. Petitioners may file a reply by November 12, 1996.³

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of comments referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33122 to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, send one copy of comments to petitioners' representative: Fritz R. Kahn, Suite 750 West, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20005-3934.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NWL (MC-108099), a motor passenger carrier, operates regular-route services in Washington and Idaho.⁴ GLI (MC-1515),

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (1995), abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board) effective January 1, 1996. This notice relates to a transaction that is subject to Board jurisdiction under 49 U.S.C. 14303.

² The language of 49 U.S.C. 14303(a)(2) is identical to that in former 49 U.S.C. 11343(a)(2), under which applications of this nature were routinely considered. An exemption of this transaction will exempt petitioners from the antitrust laws and other pertinent state and municipal laws. See 49 U.S.C. 14303(f).

³ Petitioners request that the decision exempting the transaction become effective no later than November 1, 1996. Because petitioners do not explain why such an expedited schedule is necessary and their proposed schedule would deprive the public of an adequate opportunity to comment, we will deny their request.

⁴ NWL is affiliated with Boise-Winnemucca Trailways, a motor passenger carrier.