

[STB Finance Docket No. 33351]**SPCSL Corp.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Norfolk and Western Railway Company**

Norfolk and Western Railway Company (NW) has agreed to grant trackage rights to SPCSL Corp. (SPCSL) over approximately 19,950 feet, more or less, of NW trackage at Springfield, IL. The trackage rights will allow the City of Springfield to consolidate the NW and SPCSL rights of way into one corridor.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on February 3, 1997.

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. 33351, 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 Gary A. Laakso, Esq., SPCSL Corp., One Market Plaza, Room 846, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Decided: February 5, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

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[STB Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1177X)]**Consolidated Rail Corporation—Discontinuance Exemption—in Montgomery and Bucks Counties, PA**

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502, exempts Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to permit Conrail to discontinue service pursuant to its trackage rights over Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority's (SEPTA)

14.9-mile line of railroad, known as the Bethlehem Branch, between milepost 30.5±, near Telford, and milepost 45.4±, near Quakertown, in Montgomery and Bucks Counties, PA, subject to standard labor protective conditions.

DATES: Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on March 14, 1997. Formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) must be filed by February 24, 1997, petitions to stay must be filed by February 27, 1997, and petitions to reopen must be filed by March 10, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings, referring to STB Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1177X) to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) John K. Enright, 2001 Market Street—16A, Philadelphia, PA 19101-1416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (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 Data & News, 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: February 3, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY**Notice of Receipt of Cultural Property Request From the Government of Peru**

The Government of Peru has submitted a cultural property request to the Government of the United States under Article 9 of the 1970 UNESCO Convention. The request was received on January 28, 1997, by the United States Information Agency. The request seeks U.S. protection of certain categories of archaeological and/or ethnological material the pillage of which, it is alleged, jeopardizes the national cultural patrimony of Peru. In accordance with the provisions of the Convention on Cultural Property

Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*), the request will be reviewed by the Cultural Property Advisory Committee which will develop recommendations before a determination is made.

Dated: February 7, 1997.

Penn Kemble, Deputy Director, United States Information Agency.

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Meeting

AGENCY: United States Information Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Cultural Property Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 25, 1997, from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, February 26, 1997, from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the S. Dillon Ripley Center, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. The agenda will include deliberation of a cultural property request from the Government of Peru to the United States Government seeking protection of certain archaeological and/or ethnological resources. This request, submitted under Article 9 of the 1970 UNESCO Convention, will be considered in accordance with the provisions of the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*, P.L. 97-446). The Committee will also review and discuss internal operating procedures. Since discussion of these matters will involve information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed action, the meeting will be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h).

Dated: February 7, 1997.

Penn Kemble, Deputy Director, United States Information Agency.

Determination to Close the Meeting of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee; February 25 and 26, 1997

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h), I hereby determine that the Cultural Property Advisory Committee meeting on February 25 and 26, 1997, at which there will be deliberation of information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed actions, will be closed.