

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33389]

#### The Land Conservancy of Seattle and King County—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

The Land Conservancy of Seattle and King County, a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate approximately 12.45 miles of rail line from The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company between milepost 7.30, near Redmond, and milepost 19.75, at Issaquah, in King County, WA.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after the April 22, 1997 effective date of the exemption.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding 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. 33389, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Charles H. Montange, 426 NW 162d Street, Seattle, WA 98177.

Decided: April 23, 1997.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33391]

#### South Carolina Central Railroad Inc., Carolina Piedmont Division—Acquisition Exemption—Greenville & Northern Railway

South Carolina Central Railroad Inc., Carolina Piedmont Division (CPD), a Class III rail common carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate 11.8 miles of rail line from the Greenville & Northern Railway (G&NR) between milepost 0.0, at Greenville, SC, and milepost 11.8, at Traveler's Rest, SC. In addition, CPD will acquire, by assignment, G&NR's overhead trackage rights over 1.65 miles of a rail line owned by CSX Transportation, Inc. between milepost AKJ-591.53 and milepost AKL-57.35, in Greenville, SC.

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or shortly after April 24, 1997.

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. 33391, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Karl Morell, Esq., BALL JANIK LLP 1455 F Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20005.

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Director, Office of Proceedings.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-406 (Sub-No. 7X)]

#### Central Kansas Railway, Limited Liability Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Barton, Ellsworth and Rice Counties, KS

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board exempts from the requirements of 49 USC 10903 the abandonment by Central Kansas Railway, Limited Liability Company (CKR) of a 53.2-mile portion of its Little River Subdivision from milepost 577.1 near Lyons to milepost 594.1 near Lorraine, thence from milepost 20.7 near Lorraine to milepost 56.9 near Galatia, in Barton, Ellsworth and Rice Counties, KS, subject to standard labor protective conditions and an historic preservation condition.

**DATES:** The exemption will be effective May 29, 1997 unless stayed or a statement of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) is filed. Statements of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) must be filed by May 9, 1997; petitions to stay must be filed by May 14, 1997; requests for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 and requests for a notice of interim trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by May 19, 1997; and petitions to reopen must be filed by May 27, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Docket No. AB-406 (Sub-No. 7X) must be filed with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, Mercury Building, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001; a copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative: Michael J. Ogborn, Manager, Central Kansas Railway, Limited Liability Company, 252 Clayton Street, 4th Floor, Denver, CO 80206.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

#### 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 News & Data, Inc., 1925 K Street, NW, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20006 [Telephone: (202) 289-4357]. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 565-1695.]

Decided: April 15, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

Secretary.

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