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Issued on May 14, 1997.

**L. Robert Shelton,**

*Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Sec. 5a Application No. 118 (Amendment No. 1), et al. <sup>1</sup>]

#### EC-MAC Motor Carriers Service Association, Inc., et al.

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Request for additional comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Board is seeking additional comments from interested persons on the consolidated applications of seven regional motor carrier rate bureaus for authority to expand their activities nationwide. The Board notes that, as part of its evaluation of whether the scope of the regional rate bureaus' antitrust immunity should be expanded, it will begin the process of addressing whether it should renew all current motor carrier rate bureau agreements prior to their statutory expiration (absent renewal) on December 31, 1998.

**DATES:** Comments are due by August 18, 1997. Replies are due by October 17, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Send an original and 10 copies of pleadings referring to Sec. 5a

<sup>1</sup> This notice embraces six other motor carrier rate bureau applications. Traditionally, such applications have been identified as "Section 5a" applications, in reference to section 5a of the Interstate Commerce Act as it existed prior to its 1978 codification. The "Section 5a Application" numbers, application amendment numbers, and bureau names for the embraced applications are: Sec. 5a Application No. 34 (Amendment No. 8), *Middlewest Motor Freight Bureau, Inc.*; Sec. 5a Application No. 46 (Amendment No. 20), *Southern Motor Carriers Rate Conference, Inc.*; Sec. 5a Application No. 22 (Amendment No. 7), *Pacific Inland Tariff Bureau, Inc.*; Sec. 5a Application No. 60 (Amendment No. 10), *Rocky Mountain Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc.*; Sec. 5a Application No. 45 (Amendment No. 13), *Niagara Frontier Tariff Bureau, Inc.*; and Sec. 5a Application No. 25 (Amendment No. 8), *The New England Motor Rate Bureau, Inc.*. Certain minor issues in Sec. 5a Application No. 46 (Amendment No. 20), *Southern Motor Carriers Rate Conference*, are also the subject of a separate **Federal Register** notice being published simultaneously.

Application No. 118 (Amendment No. 1), et al. to: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

Also, send one copy to the representative of each applicant in Sec. 5a Application No. 118 (Amendment No. 1), et al.:

1. EC-MAC Motor Carriers Service Association, Inc., John W. McFadden, Jr., Suite 1302, 2200 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201.

2. Middlewest Motor Freight Bureau, Inc., Bryce Rea, Jr./William E. Kenworthy, #420, 1920 N Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

3. Niagara Frontier Tariff Bureau, Inc., Robert G. Gawley, P.O. Box 548, Buffalo, NY 14225-0548.

4. Pacific Inland Tariff Bureau, Inc., Bryce Rea, Jr./William E. Kenworthy, #420, 1920 N Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

5. Rocky Mountain Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Don R. Devine, No. 2, 10 Lakeside Lane, Denver, CO 80212.

6. Southern Motor Carriers Rate Conference, Inc., S.D. Schwartzberg, 1307 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30309; John R. Bagileo, Bagileo, Silverberg & Goldman, #120, 1101 30th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20007.

7. The New England Motor Rate Bureau, Inc., Keith Vaskelionis, Sr., 128 Wheeler Road, Burlington, MA 01803.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board's decision in these proceedings is available to all persons for a charge by phoning DC NEWS & DATA, INC., at (202) 289-4357.

Decided: May 7, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33383]

#### Illinois Central Corporation and Illinois Central Railroad Company—Corporate Family Transaction Exemption

Illinois Central Corporation, a noncarrier holding company (IC Corp.) and Illinois Central Railroad Company

(ICR), a Class I rail carrier,<sup>1</sup> have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption. IC Corp. has formed a new subsidiary in the State of Illinois known as the IC Railroad Acquisition Company (ICAC). ICR will be merged into ICAC, with ICAC as the surviving entity.

The transaction is to be consummated on or after May 14, 1997.<sup>2</sup> The transaction will allow the reincorporation of ICR in the State of Illinois and will more closely align ICR's corporate structure with its existing business and operations.

The creation of the new subsidiary ICAC and the merger of ICR into ICAC are transactions within a corporate family of the type specifically exempted from prior review and approval under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3). The parties state that the transaction will not result in changes in service levels, operational changes, or a change in the competitive balance with carriers outside the corporate family.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees adversely affected by the transaction will be protected under *New York Dock Ry.—Control—Brooklyn Eastern Dist.*, 360 I.C.C. 60 (1979).

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 reopen will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33383, 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 Miles L. Tobin, Esq., Illinois Central Railroad Company, 455 North Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, IL 60611-5504.

Decided: May 13, 1997.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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<sup>1</sup> ICR, a Delaware corporation, is a wholly owned subsidiary of IC Corp. ICR controls and operates the Waterloo Railway Company (WLO), a Class III rail carrier, and also owns non-controlling stock interests in 5 switching and terminal railroads.

<sup>2</sup> Upon consummation, ICAC will become a wholly owned rail carrier subsidiary of IC Corp and the parent of WLO. In addition, ICAC will be renamed Illinois Central Railroad Company.