

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33492]

State of Oklahoma by and Through the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and Blackwell Industrial Authority—Acquisition Exemption—Central Kansas Railway, L.L.C.

The State of Oklahoma, a noncarrier, by and through the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), and Blackwell Industrial Authority (BIA), also a noncarrier, have filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire separate segments of approximately 35.3 miles of rail line (lines) from the Central Kansas Railway, L.L.C. ODOT will acquire the segment of the line between milepost 34.3, at Blackwell, OK, and milepost 18.0+ 1712.9 feet, at the Oklahoma/Kansas state line near Hun Newell, KS. BIA will acquire the segments of the line (1) between milepost 35.0+ 1848 feet, west of Blackwell, OK, and milepost 34.3, at Blackwell, OK, and (2) between milepost 18+ 1712.9 feet, at the Oklahoma/Kansas state line near Hun Newell, KS, and milepost 0+ 466.3 feet, at Wellington, KS.

South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc., a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 in STB Finance Docket No. 33494, *South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc.—Operation Exemption—Oklahoma Department of Transportation and Blackwell Industrial Authority* to operate the lines.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or after October 16, 1997.

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. 33492, 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 Eric M. Hocky, Esq., Gollatz, Griffin & Ewing, P.C., 213 W. Miner Street, P. O. Box 796, West Chester, PA 19381-0796.

Decided: October 22, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33494]

South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc.—Operation Exemption—Oklahoma Department of Transportation and Blackwell Industrial Authority

South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc., a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to operate approximately 35.3 miles of rail line owned by the State of Oklahoma by and through the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and Blackwell Industrial Authority (1) between milepost 34.3, at Blackwell, OK, and milepost 18.0+ 1712.9 feet, at the Oklahoma/Kansas state line near Hun Newell, KS, (2) between milepost 35.0+ 1848 feet, west of Blackwell, OK, and milepost 34.3, at Blackwell, OK, and (3) between milepost 18+ 1712.9 feet, at the Oklahoma/Kansas state line near Hun Newell, KS, and milepost 0+ 466.3 feet, at Wellington, KS.

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An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33494, 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 Karl Morrell, Esq., Ball Janik LLP, Suite 225, 1455 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

Decided: October 22, 1997.

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. 33479]

Wabash Central, L.L.C.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Norfolk and Western Railway Company

Wabash Central, L.L.C. (WBCR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from the Norfolk and Western Railway Company (NW) and to operate the Bluffton Line (Line)¹ from (1) milepost T.S. 117.8 to milepost T.S. 123.0, in Craigsville, IN, and (2) from milepost 123.8 in Craigsville, IN, to milepost T.S. 144.2 in Van Buren, IN, a distance of approximately 25.6 route miles. In addition, WBCR will acquire overhead trackage rights to operate over NW's main tracks between milepost T.S. 123.0=C.F. 163.0 and milepost T.S. 123.8=C.F. 162.2, a distance of approximately .8 route miles.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after the October 15, 1997 effective date of the exemption. The transaction is related to the Hi Rail Trustee's filing of an Amended Plan of Reorganization with the Board in STB Finance Docket No. 33491 on October 3, 1997.

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. 33479, 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 Richard R. Wilson, Esq., 1126 Eighth Avenue, Suite 403, Altoona, PA 16002.

Decided: October 21, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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¹ R. Franklin Unger, Trustee of the Indiana Hi Rail Corporation currently leases and operates the Line.