

Docket No. 33666 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served upon Peter A. Greene, Esq., Thompson Hine & Flory LLP, 1920 N Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036.

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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. 33675]

Minnesota Commercial Railway Company—Lease and Operation Exemption—Canadian Pacific Railway Company (Soo Line District)

Minnesota Commercial Railway Company (MC), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire by long-term lease from the Canadian Pacific Railway Company (Soo Line District) (CP) and operate (1) approximately 22 miles of trackage in an area known as the South Minneapolis Switching District from approximately milepost 416+/- to the end of track maintenance, at about 48th Street, South, Minneapolis, MN (no milepost); and (2) one mile of incidental trackage over CP's trackage east of Merriam Park.

Because MC's projected annual revenues after the transaction will exceed \$5 million, MC has certified to the Board that the required notice of the transaction was sent to the national offices of the labor unions representing employees on the line and posted at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines on July 31, 1998. See 49 CFR 1150.42(e).¹ The transaction was

¹ While the required notice to employees had been given on July 31, 1998, MC did not certify to the Board that it had done so until October 22, 1998, when it filed its notice of exemption. The exemption would normally become effective 60 days after MC's certification to the Board that it had complied with the Board's rule at 49 CFR 1150.42(e). In a decision in this proceeding served on October 30, 1998, however, the Board found that sufficient notice to rail employees and their representatives had been given in this case and, at the request of MC, waived, in part, the 60-day period to allow consummation on November 1, 1998.

scheduled to be consummated on November 1, 1998.

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. 33675, 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 Eugenia Langan, Esq., Shea and Gardner, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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[STB Finance Docket No. 33676]

Minnesota Commercial Railway Company—Lease and Operation Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Minnesota Commercial Railway Company (MC), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire by long-term lease from the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and operate approximately 2.95 miles +/- of industrial trackage in an area known as the Southeast Minneapolis Switching District.¹

Because MC's projected annual revenues after the transaction will exceed \$5 million, MC has certified to the Board that the required notice of the transaction was sent to the national offices of the labor unions representing employees on the line and posted at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines on August 31, 1998. See 49 CFR 1150.42(e).² The transaction was

¹ MC notes that the trackage is all yard limit industrial switching territory and that no mileposts are assigned this area by UP.

² While the required notice to employees had been given on August 31, 1998, MC did not certify to the Board that it had done so until October 22, 1998, when it filed its notice of exemption. The exemption would normally become effective 60

scheduled to be consummated on November 1, 1998.

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. 33676, 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 Eugenia Langan, Esq., Shea and Gardner, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 203X)]¹

Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Madison and Bond Counties, IL

On October 16, 1998, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption

days after MC's certification to the Board that it had complied with the Board's rule at 49 CFR 1150.42(e). In a decision in this proceeding served on October 30, 1998, however, the Board found that sufficient notice to rail employees and their representatives had been given in this case and, at the request of MC, waived, in part, the 60-day period to allow consummation on November 1, 1998.

¹ NSR has filed with the Board two related petitions for exemption. In *Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Purchase Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 33609 (STB served Oct. 29, 1998), NSR is proposing to purchase from UP, and to operate approximately 15.3 miles of rail line between Monterey Junction, IL (including the southwest leg of the wye track at Monterey Junction), and DeCamp, IL, plus certain yard tracks at Madison, IL. In *Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Lease and Operation Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 33610 (pending), NSR is proposing to lease from UP, and to operate, approximately 4.7 miles of rail line between Monterey Mine No. 1 near Carlinville, IL, and Monterey Junction, IL, and a leg of the wye track and related trackage at Monterey Junction.