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Decided: December 29, 1998.

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. 33689]

#### Ogeechee Railway Company— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Line of Central of Georgia Railroad Company

The Ogeechee Railway Company (Ogeechee), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from Central of Georgia Railroad Company (COG) the right to conduct common carrier freight operation over approximately 42.4 miles of rail line as follows: (1) a previously abandoned line of railroad between milepost GF-152.2 near Vidalia, Toombs County, GA and milepost GF-171.0 near Kirby, Emanuel County, GA; and (2) COG's active rail line between milepost GF-171.0 near Kirby and milepost 194.6 near Midville, Burke County, GA.<sup>1</sup>

The transaction was scheduled to take place as soon as possible after the December 16, 1998 effective date of the notice of exemption.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33688, *State of Georgia, Department of Transportation—Acquisition Exemption—Line of Central of Georgia Railroad Company*, wherein the State of Georgia, through its Department of Transportation is acquiring certain railroad assets of COG, including the above-noted 42.4-mile line of railroad, but not including the right to conduct common carrier freight operations.

If the 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.

<sup>1</sup> Ogeechee currently leases and operates over both portions of the line. See *Ogeechee Railway Company—Lease Exemption—Line of Central of Georgia Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 33683 (STB served Dec. 16, 1998).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33689, 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 John M. Robinson, 9616 Old Spring Road, Kensington, MD 20895.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33694]

#### City of Oakland, a Municipal Corporation of the State of California, Acting by and Through its Board of Port Commissioners—Acquisition Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

The City of Oakland, a municipal corporation of the State of California, acting by and through its Board of Port Commissioners (Port of Oakland), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire the physical assets of a rail line and the underlying right-of-way from Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), between milepost 4.97 and milepost 5.80, in Oakland, CA, a distance of approximately 0.83 miles. UP will retain a permanent, exclusive easement to provide rail freight service over the line.

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or shortly after December 18, 1998, but not later than December 31, 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 will not automatically stay the transaction.<sup>1</sup>

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33694, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office

<sup>1</sup> The Port of Oakland indicates that it will shortly be filing a motion to dismiss this notice on grounds that the Board lacks jurisdiction over the involved purchase. If such a motion is filed, it will be dealt with in a subsequent Board decision.

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, BALL JANIK LLP, Suite 225, 1455 F Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20005.

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Picasso: Painter and Sculptor in Clay"

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985). I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit, "Picasso: Painter and Sculptor in Clay," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the The Metropolitan Museum of Art from March 1-June 6, 1999 is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTRACT:** For a copy of the list of exhibit objects or for further information, contact Nelia Sheahan, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, 202/619-5030, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: December 31, 1998.

**Les Jin,**

*General Counsel.*

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