

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the NYSDOT or FHWA at the addresses provided above. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program)

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33843]

#### Arkansas and Missouri Railroad Company—Lease and Operation Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Arkansas and Missouri Railroad Company (A&M), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease and operate 3.2 miles of rail line from Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) at several locations near UP's Van Buren, Arkansas yard, in Sebastian County, AR. A&M states that there are no mileposts assigned to the area by UP.

Because A&M's projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million, A&M has certified to the Board on June 8, 2000, that the required notice of the transaction was posted at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines on April 6, 2000. See 49 CFR 1150.42(e). A&M stated in its verified notice that the transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or about June 14, 2000.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Due to the timing of A&M's certification to the Board, consummation under normal circumstances would have to be delayed until August 7, 2000 (60 days after A&M'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 June 29, 2000, however, the Board granted the request by A&M for waiver of the remainder of the 60-day period, as measured from the certification date to the Board, to allow consummation to occur as early as June 29, 2000, because rail employees

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. 33843, 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 James E. Howard, 90 Canal Street, Boston, MA 02114.

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Decided: June 29, 2000.

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. 33886]

#### Arizona & California Railroad Company Limited Partnership d/b/a Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad Company—Lease and Operation Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Arizona & California Railroad Company Limited Partnership (ARZC) d/b/a Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad Company (PS&P),<sup>1</sup> has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease and operate approximately 1.8 miles of certain rail lines from the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) as follows: (1) From UP milepost 53.83 to UP milepost 54.23; and (2) from UP milepost 55.28 to UP milepost 56.70, in Aberdeen and Hoquiam Counties, WA.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after June 26, 2000.

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

and their unions had been given more than 60 days' actual notice in this case.

<sup>1</sup> ARZC is an existing Class III rail carrier, and PS&P is an operating division of ARZC. See Arizona & California Railroad Company Limited Partnership—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, STB Finance Docket No. 33448 (STB served Sept. 11, 1997).

a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33886, 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, one copy of each pleading must be served on Rose-Michele Weinryb, Esq., Weiner, Brodsky, Sidman & Kider, P.C., 1300 19th Street, NW., Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1609.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33884]

#### Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Illinois Central Railroad Company

Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) has agreed to amend the overhead trackage rights previously granted to Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL) over its line of railroad between IC's connection with Union Pacific near 16th Street in Hazel Crest, IL, a distance of approximately 22 miles.<sup>1</sup> Previously, WCL used those rights to interchange traffic with IC and Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated at Markham Yard, and also to interchange traffic at a connection point with Norfolk and Western Railway Company near 95th Street in Chicago, IL.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after July 5, 2000.

The proposed amendment to the trackage rights would grant additional rights to WCL and will allow WCL to connect directly with lines of the Chicago South Shore and South Bend Railroad (CSS) at 115th Street in Chicago, thus providing for a streamlined route for roofing granules

<sup>1</sup> See *Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Baltimore and Ohio Chicago Terminal Railroad Company*, Consolidated Rail Corporation, Illinois Central Railroad Company, and Chicago and North Western Transportation Company, Finance Docket No. 31659 (ICC served Oct. 31, 1990).