

Applica- tion No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
12574-N	REPA-2000-8318 ...	Weldship Corporation, Bethlehem, PA.	49 CFR 172.302(c) (2), (3), (4), (5), Subpart F of Part 180.	To authorize an acoustic emission test in lieu of hydrostatic retest and internal inspection of DOT 107A tubes used for transporting compressed gases. (modes 1, 2, 3)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-325 (Sub-No. 2X)]

Florida Midland Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Sumter and Lake Counties, FL

On November 6, 2000, Florida Midland Railroad Company (FMRC) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a line of railroad known as the Leesburg Branch, extending from milepost ST-762.10 in Wildwood to milepost ST-773.71 in Leesburg and from milepost AS-800.76 to milepost AS-802.38 at Leesburg, in Sumter and Lake Counties, FL, a total distance of 13.23 miles. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 34785 and 34748 and includes the stations of Wildwood, Bamboo, and Leesburg.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in FMRC's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by February 23, 2001.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,000 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be

due no later than December 14, 2000.

Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-325 (Sub-No. 2X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Thomas J. Litwiler, Two Prudential Plaza, Suite 3125, 180 North Stetson Ave., Chicago, IL 60601-6721. Replies to the FMRC petition are due on or before December 14, 2000.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152.

Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1545. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: November 15, 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 Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 162X);
STB Docket No. AB-576 (Sub-No. 1X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Bexar County, TX; and Alamo Gulf Coast Railroad Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Bexar County, TX

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and Alamo Gulf Coast Railroad Company (AGCR) have filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights* for UP to abandon a 3.49-mile line of railroad on the Kerrville Subdivision (the Line) near Leon Springs from milepost 256.00 near Russell Park to milepost 259.49 near Camp Stanley; and for AGCR to discontinue service over a 1.0-mile portion of the line from milepost 256.0 to milepost 257.0, in Bexar County, TX. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 78256 and 78257.

UP and AGCR have certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there has been no overhead traffic on the line; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment or discontinuance shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal