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Decided: February 12, 2003.

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. 34312]

Big 4 Terminal Railroad Corporation—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Wabash Central Railroad Corporation

Big 4 Terminal Railroad Corporation (Big 4), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Wabash Central Railroad Corporation (WBRC) and operate approximately 1.5 miles of rail line currently owned by RMW Ventures, L.L.C. (RMW)¹ and currently operated by WBRC.² Big 4 is seeking to sublease and operate the following track, terminal facilities, and properties at or near Craigville, Wells County, IN: A 40 foot right-of-way being 20 feet of either side of the center line of the main track from milepost 117 (Railroad Valuation Station #6177 + 60) to milepost 118.53 (Railroad Valuation Station #6258 + 14) on the east side of County Road #204N, together with all connecting spur and yard tracks. Big 4 will connect with WBRC and conduct terminal switching operations at Craigville in order to improve switching service to shippers served by these facilities. WBRC will continue to operate over the remaining portion of the line.

The effective date of the exemption was January 30, 2003 (7 days after the

notice was filed) and the parties expected to consummate the transaction on or after January 31, 2003.

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. 34312, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Richard R. Wilson, 127 Lexington Avenue, Suite 100, Altoona, PA 16601.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Payments to Persons Who Hold Certain Categories of Judgments Against Cuba or Iran

February 19, 2003.

AGENCY: Department of the Treasury; Office of Foreign Assets Control.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice specifies the Secretary of the Treasury's intention to pay on March 21, 2003 certain claims filed pursuant to section 2002 of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, Public Law no. 106-386, as amended by the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003, Public Law 107-228. Section 2002 directs the Secretary to make payments to persons who hold certain categories of judgments against Cuba or Iran in suits brought under 28 U.S.C. 1605(a)(7).

This notice also specifies the procedures necessary for persons filing applications after November 26, 2002, to establish eligibility for payments authorized by section 2002 of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (the "VTVPA"), Public Law no. 106-386, as amended by section 686 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003,

Public Law no. 107-228, and as further amended by section 201 of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (the "TRIA"), Public Law no. 107-297. The publication of this notice necessarily precedes the making of payments in order to implement the TRIA's amendments to the VTVPA. This notice supersedes the two notices previously published by the Department of the Treasury ("the Treasury") on November 22, 2000, and December 15, 2000, at 65 FR 70382 and 65 FR 78533, respectively, for all such applications filed after November 26, 2002. The rules set forth in the two preceding notices shall continue to apply to applications filed with the Treasury prior to November 26, 2002, that are still pending before the Treasury. Applications filed with the Treasury before November 26, 2002, that were determined to be ineligible for payment are no longer pending before the Treasury. Those applicants previously determined to be ineligible for payment, but who may now be eligible due to amendments of section 2002, must therefore file new applications with the Treasury pursuant to the rules set forth in this new notice.

This notice also sets forth estimates of the funds available for payment of eligible Iran-related claims for payment under section 2002 that are filed with the Treasury after November 26, 2002.

DATES: This notice is effective February 19, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions regarding submission of applications, Rochelle E. Stern, Chief, Policy Planning and Program Management Division, Office of Foreign Assets Control, tel.: 202/622-2500. For legal questions, Office of the Chief Counsel (Foreign Assets Control), tel.: 202/622-2410.

Part 1. Payment of Certain Claims on March 21, 2003

The Treasury expects to complete the processing of payment on March 21, 2003 to certain claimants pursuant to section 2002 of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (the "VTVPA"), Public Law No. 106-386, as amended by section 686 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003, Public Law No. 107-228. The claimants scheduled to receive payment on March 21, 2003 are those who filed lawsuits against Iran on June 6, 2000, received judgments in the lawsuit entitled *Carlson v. The Islamic Republic of Iran*, Civil Case No. 00-CV-1309 (D.D.C.), and filed claims for payment with the Treasury prior to November 26, 2002.

¹ The line was formerly owned by Wabash Central, L.L.C., a Class III rail carrier. In *RMW Ventures, L.L.C.-Corporate Family Transaction Exemption-C&NC, L.L.C., Maumee & Western, L.L.C., and Wabash Central, L.L.C.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33541 (STB served Mar. 10, 1998), Wabash Central, L.L.C., along with two other Class III rail carriers, was merged into RMW.

² In 1998, WBRC acquired operating rights over a 26.4-mile line of railroad, including the segment involved here, and incidental trackage rights between Craigville, IN (milepost 117.8), and Van Buren, IN (milepost 108.6). See *Wabash Central Railroad Corporation-Operation Exemption-Wabash Central, L.L.C.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33536 (STB served Jan. 16, 1998).