

and recommended practices of its worldwide Cargo Services Conference (CSC), without filing the resolutions and recommended practices for prior approval by the Department and without obtaining immunity from the U.S. antitrust laws.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Kiser or Ms. Della Wilson, Pricing & Multilateral Affairs Division (X-43, Room 6424), U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, 202-366-2432.

Dated: November 17, 2003.

Michael W. Reynolds,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34430]

San Pedro Railroad Operating Company, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—SWKR Operating Co. Inc.

San Pedro Railroad Operating Company, LLC (SPROC),¹ a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire all of SWKR Operating Co., Inc.'s (SWKR) interest in and to operate: (a) Those rail lines extending from approximately milepost N 1033.008 (at or near Benson, AZ) to approximately milepost NA 1055.8 (at or near Charleston, AZ);² (b) the assets and rail banked common carrier rights in that segment of the Douglas Branch extending from approximately milepost NA 1055.8 to approximately milepost NA 1106.5 (at or near Douglas, AZ), and in the Bisbee Branch, extending from approximately milepost NB 1085.0 (at or near Bisbee Junction, AZ) to approximately milepost NB 1090.4 (at or near Bisbee, AZ); and (c) certain other miscellaneous assets. The subject line and all related properties are located wholly within Cochise County, AZ.³

¹ SPROC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Arizona Railroad Group, LLC, which does not currently own any other railroads.

² The milepost designation changes at Fairbank, AZ, from milepost N 1050.57 to milepost NA 1046.39.

³ In *SWKR Operating Co., Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—In Cochise County, AZ*, Docket No. AB-441 (Sub-Nos. 1X, 2X, and 3X), SWKR obtained exemptions to abandon three line segments that comprise a portion of the interests acquired by SPROC in this proceeding. SWKR has not, however, consummated abandonment of any of the three segments—two which remain subject to trail use

SPROC certifies that its projected annual revenues will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and that its annual revenues are not projected to exceed \$5 million.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after October 31, 2003, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the notice was filed).

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.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34430, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Troy W. Garris, Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 19th Street, NW., Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1609.

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Decided: November 14, 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. 34433]

Soo Line Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company

Pursuant to a trackage rights agreement between Soo Line Railroad Company, d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway Company (CPR) and Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company (WSOR), WSOR has agreed to grant CPR trackage rights over a line of railroad between milepost 132.11 in Watertown, Jefferson County, WI, and milepost 164.61 in Madison, Dane County, WI, a distance of 32.5 miles.¹

agreements and a third which is the subject of a recent SWKR request that the decision granting the abandonment exemption authority be vacated.

¹ A redacted unexecuted version of the trackage rights agreement between CPR and WSOR was filed with the notice of exemption. The full version of the agreement, as required by 49 CFR 1180.6(a)(7)(ii), was concurrently filed under seal along with a motion for protective order. CPR states that when a fully executed copy of the agreement

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after November 10, 2003.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to allow CPR to continue to operate over the line that is being sold to WSOR.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34433, 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 Diane P. Gerth, Leonard, Street and Deinard Professional Association, 150 South Fifth St., Minneapolis, MN 55402.

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Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 643X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in LaPorte, Porter and Starke Counties, IN

On November 3, 2003, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), filed with the Surface Transportation Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon an approximately 32.97-mile line of railroad, in CSXT's Western Region, Chicago Division, Wabash Subdivision, extending from milepost CF 0.63, at LaCrosse, to milepost CF 15.23, at Wellsboro, and from milepost CI 212.55,

is available, it will be filed with the Board. A protective order is being served on November 18, 2003.