

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.900
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	4.875

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is P03111.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59008)

Dated: May 3, 2004.

**Herbert L. Mitchell,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34498]

#### **Ameren Corporation—Control Exemption—Coffeen and Western Railroad Company**

Ameren Corporation (Ameren), a noncarrier holding company, has filed a verified notice of exemption to acquire control of Coffeen and Western Railroad Company (CWRC) upon CWRC's becoming a Class III rail carrier.<sup>1</sup> Ameren currently controls Class III rail carriers Joppa & Eastern Railroad (JERR) and Missouri Central Railroad Company (MCRR).<sup>2</sup>

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or shortly after April 22, 2004, the effective date of the exemption.

Ameren states that: (i) The railroads will not connect with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; (ii) the acquisition of control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the railroads with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the

<sup>1</sup> On April 15, 2004, CWRC filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 in STB Finance Docket No. 34497, *Coffeen and Western Railroad Company—Lease and Operation Exemption—near Coffeen, IL*, to lease from Ameren Energy Generating Company and operate approximately 0.2 miles of rail line near Coffeen, IL. Upon consummation of the transaction covered by that exemption, CWRC would become a carrier.

<sup>2</sup> JERR, is controlled through Ameren's controlling interest in Electric Energy, Inc. Its track is entirely within Illinois, located approximately 155 miles from CWRC's track. MCRR's track and trackage rights are located entirely within Missouri, and its lines are leased and operated by Central Midland Railway Company.

transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

If the verified 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. 34498 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 Sandra L. Brown, 401 Ninth Street, NW., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

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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. 34497]

#### **Coffeen and Western Railroad Company—Lease and Operation Exemption—Near Coffeen, IL**

Coffeen and Western Railroad Company (CWRC), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease from Ameren Energy Generating Company (AEGC) and operate approximately 0.2 miles of rail line.<sup>1</sup> The line is located near Coffeen, IL, originating off of the Coffeen Power Plant's main lead track near Station 10+00 and continuing in a northerly direction to Station 0+00, a

<sup>1</sup> CWRC indicates that by this transaction, common carrier operations will be established on this formerly private track and any existing or new shipper may request service on the line.

point near a line owned by Norfolk Southern Railway Company.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 34498, *Ameren Corporation—Control Exemption—Coffeen and Western Railroad Company*, wherein Ameren Corporation seeks to acquire control of CWRC upon CWRC's becoming a Class III carrier.

CWRC certifies that its projected revenues do not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III carrier and do not exceed \$5 million. The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after April 22, 2004, the effective date of the exemption.<sup>2</sup>

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. 34497, 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 Sandra L. Brown, 401 Ninth Street, NW., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 205X)]

#### **Union Pacific Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Sutter County, CA**

On April 20, 2004, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) 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 and discontinue service over a line of railroad known as the Yuba City Industrial Lead, extending from milepost 136.38 near Marysville, CA, to milepost 139.77 near Colusa Junction,

<sup>2</sup> CWRC states that the parties are in the process of entering into a lease agreement and that it anticipates execution of that agreement by the end of April 2004.