

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub-No. 5) (2005-4)]

Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.
ACTION: Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

SUMMARY: The Board has approved the fourth quarter 2005 rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. The fourth quarter 2005 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.185. The fourth quarter 2005 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.572. The fourth quarter 2005 RCAF-5 is 0.548.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mac Frampton, (202) 565-1541. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision, which is available on our Web site <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, e-mail or call the Board's contractor, ASAP Document Solutions; 9332 Annapolis Rd., Suite 103, Lanham, MD 20706; e-mail asapdc@verizon.net; phone (202) 306-4004. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS: 1-800-877-8339.]

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Decided: September 15, 2005.

By the Board, Chairman Nober, Vice Chairman Buttrey, and Commissioner Mulvey.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 34741]

KWT Railway, Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Murray-Calloway County Economic Development Corporation

KWT Railway, Inc. (KWT), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of

exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease and operate approximately one mile of rail line. The line is being leased from Murray-Calloway County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and runs between milepost 38.34 and approximately milepost 37.34 near Murray, in Calloway County, KY.¹

KWT certifies that its projected revenues as a result of the transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier, and further certifies that its projected annual revenues will not exceed \$5 million.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after September 1, 2005.

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. 34741, 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 Eric M. Hocky, Four Penn Center, Suite 200, 1600 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19103-2808.

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Decided: September 14, 2005.

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. 34748]

Morehead & South Fork Railroad Co., Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Carolina Rail Service, LLC

Morehead & South Fork Railroad Co., Inc. (MHSF), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Carolina

¹This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 34742, *Murray-Calloway County Economic Development Corporation—Acquisition Exemption—Hardin Southern Railroad, Inc.*, wherein EDC, a noncarrier, has filed a notice of exemption to acquire by purchase from Hardin Southern Railroad, Inc. an 8.34-mile rail line between milepost 38.34 near Murray and milepost 30, near Hardin, Ky. That exemption was effective on August 15, 2005.

Rail Service, LLC (CRS), and operate CRS's exclusive freight easement over all railroad tracks at the Port of Morehead City, NC.¹ The tracks are owned by North Carolina State Ports Authority (SPA).² MHSF will operate over the rail property pursuant to an operating agreement with SPA.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 34749, *Gulf & Ohio Railways Holding Co., Inc., H. Peter Claussen and Linda C. Claussen—Continuance in Control Exemption—Morehead & South Fork Railroad Co., Inc.*, wherein Gulf & Ohio Railways Holding Co., Inc. (G&O), and H. Peter Claussen and Linda C. Claussen, all noncarriers, have concurrently filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of MHSF, upon its becoming a Class III rail carrier.³

MHSF certifies that the projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier, and further certifies that its projected annual revenues will not exceed \$5 million. The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after September 1, 2005.

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. 34748, 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 Rose-Michele Nardi, Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 19th St., NW., Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1609.

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¹The transaction includes approximately 0.87 miles of rail line in Carteret County, NC, from approximately milepost 0.0 (in or near Morehead City) to approximately milepost 0.87 at Gallants Channel (in or near Morehead City), serving the intermediate stations of Marsh Island and Radio Island, as well as all spur tracks, yard tracks, side tracks, interchange tracks and industrial tracks located on the Port. The transaction also includes approximately 4 miles of intra-terminal track.

²The Board previously determined that SPA's acquisition of the subject line did not require Board action and it declined to exercise jurisdiction over the transaction. See *North Carolina State Ports Authority—Acquisition Exemption—North Carolina Ports Railway Commission*, STB Finance Docket No. 34258 (STB served Oct. 31, 2002).

³MHSF is wholly owned by G&O, which controls several Class III rail carriers; G&O, in turn, is wholly owned by H. Peter Claussen and Linda C. Claussen. The Claussens also own and control H&S Railroad, Inc., a Class III rail carrier.