

direction just west of Cuaghtlin Road within San Bernardino County limits and traversing the western portions of the City of Adelanto where it converges back to paralleling the existing U.S. 395 alignment for the remainder of the project limits.

The alternatives described above will be further refined through efforts conducted under the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR parts 1500–1508, and 23 CFR part 771), the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments, section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Executive Order 12898 regarding environmental justice, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Endangered Species Act, the section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act, and other Federal environmental protection laws, regulations, policies, and executive orders. The EIS will incorporate comments from the public scoping process as well as analysis in technical studies. Other alternatives suggested during scoping process would be considered during the development of the EIS. The EIS will consider any additional reasonable alternatives identified during scoping process. Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, regional and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who previously have expressed, or are known to have, an interest in this project. Location and details of the public scoping meeting for the proposed project will be advertised in local newspapers and other media and will be hosted by the California Department of Transportation, District 8.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation Federal programs and activities apply to this program)

Dated: June 27, 2006.

**Gene K. Fong,**

*Division Administrator, California Division,  
Federal Highway Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34895]

#### **Knoxville and Holston River Railroad Company, Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption—CSX Transportation, Inc.**

Knoxville and Holston River Railroad Company, Inc. (KHR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease and operate approximately 1.9 miles of rail line owned by CSX Transportation, Inc. The line runs from Third Creek Spur in Knoxville, TN, at approximately V.S. 1+50, to the end of the line at approximately V.S. 101+68.

KHR 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 June 23, 2006. 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. 34895, 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, Esq., Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 19th Street, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20036.

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Decided: June 26, 2006.

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. 34867]

#### **General Railway Corporation, d/b/a Iowa Northwestern Railroad—Exemption for Acquisition of Railroad Line—In Osceola and Dickinson Counties, IA**

General Railway Corporation (GRC), d/b/a Iowa Northwestern Railroad, a

Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from Dickinson Osceola Railroad Association (DORA) approximately 37.30 miles of rail line in Osceola and Dickinson Counties, extending from milepost 215.00 at a point west of Superior, IA, to milepost 252.30 at a point west of Allendorf, IA.<sup>1</sup>

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

By decision served on May 25, 2006, the Board's Chairman issued a "housekeeping" stay of the effective date of the notice of exemption in this proceeding to permit full consideration of the issues presented in a petition filed by DORA and Iowa Central Railroad Company to reject or revoke the exemption or to stay its effectiveness.<sup>2</sup> This notice is subject to the housekeeping stay and cannot take effect until further order of the Board.

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. 34867, 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 Edward J. Fishman, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham LLP, 1601 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

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By the Board, David M. Konschnik,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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<sup>1</sup> Due to an inadvertent oversight, GRC states that it obtained Board authority to operate the subject line in 2001 but did not obtain authority to acquire it. GRC filed this notice of exemption to correct the error. See *General Railway Corporation d/b/a Iowa Northwestern Railroad Corporation—Operation Exemption—Line of Dickinson Osceola Railroad Association*, STB Finance Docket No. 34037 (STB served and published May 11, 2001).

<sup>2</sup> See *General Railway Corporation, d/b/a Iowa Northwestern Railroad—Exemption for Acquisition of Railroad Line—In Osceola and Dickinson Counties, IA*, STB Finance Docket No. 34867 (STB served May 25, 2006). In this decision, the Chairman also directed GRC to file an amended notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41. This notice was filed pursuant to that directive.