

The purpose of this transaction is to allow D&H to handle CSXT's trains between Rouses Point, NY, and CSXT's Selkirk Yard pursuant to the aforementioned haulage agreement between the parties.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the acquisition of 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 effectiveness of the exemption. Stay petitions must be filed by February 2, 2007 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34981, 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 Leigh K. Currie, Leonard, Street and Deinar, 150 South Fifth Street, Suite 2300, Minneapolis, MI 55402.

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Decided: January 22, 2007.

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. 34868]

#### Columbus and Greenville Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Kansas City Southern Railway Company

Pursuant to a trackage rights agreement dated March 3, 2006, between Columbus and Greenville Railway Company (CAGY) and Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCSR), KCSR has agreed to grant CAGY nonexclusive overhead trackage rights over KCSR's Tuscaloosa Subdivision between milepost 3.5 west of Columbus, MS (near Artesia, MS), and milepost

15.2 at the connection with the BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) at Columbus, a total distance of approximately 11.7 miles.<sup>1</sup>

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or after February 11, 2007 (the effective date of the exemption). The purpose of the trackage rights is to enable CAGY to provide competitive rail service to a new steel mill being constructed by SeverCorr LLC, at the Lowndes County Industrial Mega Site.<sup>2</sup>

As a condition to this exemption, any employee 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. Stay petitions must be filed by February 2, 2007 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34868, 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 John D. Heffner, John D. Heffner, PLLC, 1920 N Street, NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036.

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Decided: January 22, 2007.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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<sup>1</sup> A redacted version of the trackage rights agreement between CAGY and KCSR 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. The request for a protective order is being addressed in a separate decision.

<sup>2</sup> Specifically, these rights provide CAGY direct access to handle rail traffic between the site of SeverCorr LLC, located in the Lowndes County Industrial Mega Site, at milepost 4.0 near Columbus, on the one hand, and, on the other hand (1) the Lowndes County Port at milepost 13.4, (2) the BNSF connection near milepost 15.2, (3) points on CAGY's lines, and (4) interchange points with other carriers located on CAGY lines in or east of Columbus, as they existed on October 5, 2005.

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 294X);  
STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 676X)]

#### Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Discontinuance Exemption—in Mercer County, NJ; CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance Exemption—in Mercer County, NJ

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** The Board, on its own motion, in a decision served on January 26, 2007, is exempting Norfolk Southern Railway Company and CSX Transportation, Inc. from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to discontinue service over a line of railroad known as the Robbinsville Industrial Track, subject to the employee protective conditions in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). The line extends between milepost 32.20± and milepost 37.90± in the cities of Hamilton Township and Washington Township, Mercer County, NJ, a distance of approximately 5.7 miles. The decision also grants a petition for reconsideration filed by Mr. James Riffin in a related docket, STB Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1185X), a proceeding in which Consolidated Rail Corporation filed a notice of exemption to abandon the instant line.

**DATES:** Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(c) must be received by the railroad and the Board by February 5, 2007. Provided no OFA has been received, the exemptions will be effective on February 15, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 294X) or STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 676X) must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. *In addition, send one copy of any pleadings to:* (1) James R. Paschall, Senior General Attorney, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510; (2) Steven C. Armbrust, Counsel, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202; (3) and all parties of record in STB Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1185X).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 565-1609.

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