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Vernon A. Williams,
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35065]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Trackage Rights Exemption—Michigan Central Railway, LLC

Pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement, Michigan Central Railway, LLC (Michigan Central), a noncarrier, has agreed to grant limited local trackage rights to Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR), over certain lines to be acquired from NSR by Michigan Central extending between (a) Milepost KH 1.4 at Elkhart, IN, and milepost KH 27.4 at Three Rivers, MI; (b) milepost FB 27.3 at Three Rivers, MI, and milepost FB 101.5 at Grand Rapids, MI; (c) milepost KY 0.0 at Gibson, MI, and milepost KY 0.3 at CP BO in Kalamazoo, MI; (d) milepost MH 143.03 at CP BO in Kalamazoo, MI, and milepost MH28 at CP Ypsi; and (e) milepost LZ 0.0 at Jackson, MI, and milepost LZ 35.0 at Holt, MI.¹

This transaction is related to a petition for exemption for the acquisition and operation of these and other rail lines concurrently filed in STB Finance Docket No. 35063, *Michigan Central Railway, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Lines of Norfolk Southern Railway Company*. In that proceeding, Michigan Central seeks an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 to acquire and operate some 299 miles of rail line owned and operated by NSR, and some 85.5 miles of trackage rights, in Michigan and Indiana.² This transaction also is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 35064, *Watco Companies, Inc., and*

¹ A redacted version of the proposed agreement between NSR and Michigan Central was filed with the notice of exemption. The full version was concurrently filed under seal along with a motion for protective order. As required by 49 CFR 1180.6(a)(7)(ii), the parties must file a copy of the executed agreement within 10 days of the date that the agreement is executed.

² In STB Finance Docket No. 35063, Michigan Central also has filed a petition to revoke the otherwise applicable class exemption at 49 CFR 1150.31 for the acquisition and operation of rail lines by a noncarrier and a proposed procedural schedule.

Watco Transportation Services, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Michigan Central Railway, LLC, wherein Watco Companies, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary, Watco Transportation Services, Inc., jointly have filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of Michigan Central upon its becoming a rail carrier.

The parties intend to consummate the transaction after the Board has issued a final decision granting the petition for exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 35063.

Under the trackage rights agreement, NSR will retain the right to serve, under certain specified conditions, the General Motors facilities at Grand Rapids and Lansing, MI, and the RSDC of Michigan LLC automotive steel processing facility at Holt, MI, as well as any subsequent occupant(s) of any of these facilities. The agreement will permit NSR to serve these facilities with its own trains, locomotives, cars and equipment, and with its own crews, only if Michigan Central fails to meet the specified service standards under the conditions and over the timeframes set forth in the agreement.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the acquisition of the temporary 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 no later than August 3, 2007 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35065, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on G. Paul Moates, Sidley Austin LLP, 1501 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 681X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Orange County, FL

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), has filed a notice of exemption¹ under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 0.69-mile rail line on its Southern Region, Jacksonville Division, Sanford Subdivision, from railroad milepost ST 815.88 to railroad milepost ST 816.57, known as the “Mills & Nebraska Lead,” in Orlando, Orange County, FL. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 32803.

CSXT has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on August 28, 2007, unless stayed pending

¹ The earliest date the abandonment can be consummated is August 28, 2007 (the effective date of the exemption). CSXT stated the consummation date as August 27, 2007, in the verified notice of exemption. CSXT has been notified concerning this correction of the consummation date.

reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),³ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by August 6, 2007. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by August 16, 2007, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to CSXT's representative: Steven C. Armbrust, Esq., CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street, J-150, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

CSXT has filed environmental and historic reports addressing the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by August 3, 2007. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 245-0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), CSXT shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by CSXT's filing of a notice of consummation by July 27, 2008, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

² The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

³ Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,300. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission; Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission will hold meetings on August 8-10, 2007 and August 22-24, 2007, at the Hotel Washington, 15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. On August 8 and August 22, the sessions will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4:30-5:30 p.m. On August 9 and August 23, the sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:30-5:30 p.m. On August 10 and August 24, the sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 12 noon-3 p.m. depending on the final agenda for each session. Each meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Commission is to carry out a study of the benefits under the laws of the United States that are provided to compensate and assist veterans and their survivors for disabilities and deaths attributable to military service.

The agenda for the first August meeting will feature the final report of the Center of Naval Analyses (CNA) and a report of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Committee on Presumptions. The Commission will review technical comments from VA and make final decisions on three Issues Papers related to specific Research Questions approved by the Commission on October 14, 2005. The topics will be: Transition Issues (addressing Research Questions 26-31), Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Research Question 17), and Ancillary and Special Purpose Benefits (Research Question 20). VA and the Department of Defense (DoD) will respond to the report of the IOM Committee on Medical Evaluation of Veterans for Disability, and the Commission will decide its position on the two IOM studies and recommendations made to VA on the topic of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Additional discussions and

potential decisions will be reached on options to achieve equity in lifetime benefits, integrating the findings of various studies and research projects conducted for the Commission, and drafting the Commission's final report.

The agenda for the second August meeting will be devoted to drafting the Commission's final report and may include a limited number of clarifying presentations on topics the Commission requires to complete its final report.

There will be time set aside at each meeting for public comments. Interested persons may attend and present oral statements to the Commission on August 8 or August 22. Oral presentations will be limited to five minutes or less. Interested parties may also provide written comments for review by the Commission prior to the meeting or at any time, by e-mail to veterans@vetscommission.com or by mail to Mr. Ray Wilburn, Executive Director, Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission, 1101 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20004.

Dated: July 23, 2007.

By direction of the Secretary:

E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee (CLIAC)

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting for the aforementioned committee:

Times and Dates:

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., September 5, 2007.

8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., September 6, 2007.

Place: CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Tom Harkin Global Communications Center, Building 19, Room 232, Auditorium B, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

Purpose: This Committee is charged with providing scientific and technical advice and guidance to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Director, CDC, regarding the need for, and the nature of, revisions to the standards under which clinical laboratories are regulated; the impact on medical and laboratory practice of proposed revisions to