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Hearing Statements

A person requesting that information contained in a comment submitted by that person be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the submitter. Confidential business information must be clearly designated as such, the submission must be marked “BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL” at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page, and the submission should indicate, via brackets, the specific information that is confidential. Additionally, “Business Confidential” should be included in the “Type comment & Upload file” field. Anyone submitting a comment containing business confidential information must also submit as a separate submission a non-confidential version of the confidential submission, indicating where confidential information has been redacted. The non-confidential summary will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection.

5. Inspection of Comments, Notices, and Hearing Statements

USTR will maintain a docket on the 2010 Special 301 Review, accessible to the public. The public file will include non-confidential comments, notices of intent to testify, and hearing statements received by USTR from the public, including foreign governments, with respect to the 2010 Special 301 Review. Comments will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR 2006.13, except confidential business information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2006.15. Comments may be viewed on the http://www.regulations.gov Web site by entering docket number USTR–2010–003 in the search field on the home page.

Stanford K. McCoy,
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board
[STB Finance Docket No. 35339]

Carolina Coastal Railway, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—North Carolina State Ports Authority

Carolina Coastal Railway, Inc. (CLNA), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption \(^1\) under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire, by assignment, Morehead & South Fork Railroad Co.’s (MHSF) lease with the North Carolina State Ports Authority (SPA) and to operate approximately 0.87 miles of SPA’s rail lines as follows: (1) From milepost 0.0 to milepost 0.87 at Gallants Channel on Radio Island, in Morehead City; \(^2\) (2) from milepost 0.0, in Morehead City, through and including the classification yard parallel to Highway 70 onto the Morehead City Port; \(^3\) and (3) all of the railroad tracks owned or leased by SPA (or previously owned or leased by North Carolina Ports Railway Commission), in Carteret County that might have been omitted from the lines’ description. The lines also include 4 additional miles of intra-terminal trackage.

CLNA certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III carrier and further certifies that its projected revenues will not exceed $5 million.

CLNA states that its services will replace those provided by MHSF on or about February 1, 2010 (after the January 29, 2010 effective date of the exemption, 30 days after the exemption was filed).

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 effectiveness of the exemption. Stay petitions must be filed no later than January 22, 2010 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35339, 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 John D. Heffner, John D. Heffner, PLLC, 1750 K Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006.

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

Decided: January 12, 2010.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Andrea Pope-Matheson,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board
[STB Docket No. AB–1056X; STB Docket No. AB–1066 (Sub-No. 1X)]

Pioneer Industrial Railway Co.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—Line in Peoria County, IL; Central Illinois Railroad Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—Line in Peoria County, IL

On December 29, 2009, Pioneer Industrial Railway Co. (PIRY) and Central Illinois Railroad Company (CIRY), jointly 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. \(^1\) PIRY seeks to discontinue service over 8.29 miles of rail line known as the Kellar Branch, between mileposts 1.71 and 10.0, owned by and located in the City of Peoria and the Village of Peoria Heights, IL. CIRY seeks to discontinue service over a 5.72-mile portion of the Kellar Branch, between mileposts 2.78 and 8.50. \(^2\) The line traverses United

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\(^1\) CLNA supplemented its notice with a letter filed January 8, 2010, confirming that the agreement between the parties does not contain any provisions prohibiting petitioner from interchanging traffic with any third party.

\(^2\) The line extends from the connection with the Norfolk Southern Railway Company/North Carolina Railroad Company, and includes the spur track and consolidation tracks leading from the line, generally along Inlet Drive, to the industrial tracks on the property leased from SPA to the PCS Phosphate Company, Inc., rail car dump and the “Fishmeal” spur on the area commonly known as Marsh Island, in Carteret County, NC.

\(^3\) The line extends from the connection with the Norfolk Southern Railway Company/North Carolina Railroad Company, and includes all of the railroad tracks on the Morehead City Port’s property, whether denominated as spurs, side tracks, industrial tracks, or otherwise, in Carteret County.

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(1) Applicants also seek exemptions from 49 U.S.C. 10904 (offer of financial assistance procedures) and 49 U.S.C. 10905 (public use conditions). These requests will be addressed in the final decision. We note, however, that because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Similarly, no environmental or historic documentation is required under 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(2) and 1105.8(e).

(2) PIRY was authorized to lease and operate the line in Pioneer Industrial Railway Co.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Peoria, Peoria Heights & Western Railroad, STB Finance Docket No. 33549