The transaction may be consummated on or after August 31, 2012 (the effective date of the exemption).

SCMB certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in SCMB’s becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier and will not exceed $5 million.

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. Petitions to stay must be filed no later than August 24, 2012 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35633, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy must be served on John D. Heffner, Strasburger & Price, LLP, 1700 K Street NW., Suite 640, Washington, DC 20006.

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Decided: August 14, 2012.
By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Derrick A. Gardner, Clearance Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Surface Transportation Board
[Docket No. FD 35657]

Pacific Imperial Railroad, Inc.—Change in Operator Exemption—Rail Line of San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway Company

Pacific Imperial Railroad, Inc. (PIR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to change operators, pursuant to an agreement with Carrizo Gorge Railway, Inc. (CGR). From CGR to PIR over a 70.01-mile rail line between milepost 59.60 in Division, Cal. and milepost 129.61 in Plaster City, Cal. (Desert Line). The Desert Line is owned by San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway Company (SD&AE). The agreement provides for a change in operators for the Desert Line through CGR’s assignment of its authority to operate the Desert Line to PIR, with the consent of SD&AE, its parent, San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board, and SD&IV.

The transaction may be consummated on or after August 31, 2012 (30 days after the notice of exemption was filed).

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

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. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than August 24, 2012 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35657, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas F. McFarland, 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604.

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

Jeffrey Herzig, Clearance Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Surface Transportation Board
[Docket No. FD 35632]

Iowa Pacific Holdings, LLC and Permian Basin Railways—Continuance in Control Exemption—Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay Railway Company

Iowa Pacific Holdings, LLC, and Permian Basin Railways (IPH/PBR), noncarriers, have filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay Railway Company (SCMB) upon SCMB’s becoming a Class III rail carrier.

In a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption, SCMB seeks Board approval to acquire by assignment from Sierra Northern Railway its lease and operating rights over a 31.0-mile rail line (the Line) owned by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP). The Line, known as the Santa Cruz Branch, extends from milepost 0.433 at the east boundary of Salinas Road, near Watsonville Junction, Cal., to milepost 31.39 at the end of the line near Davenport, Cal., and includes an interconnection with Santa Cruz, Big Trees & Pacific Railway Company at milepost 20.4 in Santa Cruz, Cal., and an additional 3.6 miles of siding and spur track. Santa Cruz & Monterey Bay Ry.—Assignment of Lease Exemption—Sierra N. Ry., Docket No. FD 35633.

In addition, SCMB has filed a related verified notice of exemption to acquire from UP its permanent and exclusive operating easement over the Line.

The transaction may be consummated on or after August 31, 2012 (the effective date of the exemption).

IPH/PBR subsidiary railroads include: (1) Chicago Terminal Railroad, located in and around Chicago, Ill.; (2) Mount Hood Railroad, located in Oregon; (3) San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad, located in Colorado; (4) Saratoga & North Creek Railway, located in New York; (5)