can offer in specific foreign markets; the imposition of excessively high licensing fees; unreasonable wholesale roaming rates that mobile telecommunications service suppliers in specific foreign markets charge U.S. suppliers that seek to supply international mobile roaming services to their U.S. customers; allocating access to spectrum or other scarce resources through discriminatory procedures or contingent on the purchase of locally-produced equipment; subsidies provided to equipment manufacturers which are contingent upon exporting or local content, or have caused adverse effects to domestic equipment manufacturers and the imposition by foreign governments of unnecessary or discriminatory technical regulations or standards for telecommunications products or services. In all cases, commenters should provide any available documentary evidence, including relevant legal measures where available, translated into English where necessary, to facilitate evaluation.

Public Comment and Reply Comment: Requirements for Submission
Comments in response to this notice must be written in English, must identify (on the first page of the comments) the telecommunications trade agreement(s) discussed therein, and must be submitted no later than January 3, 2014. Any replies to comments submitted must also be in English and must be submitted no later than January 24, 2014. Comments and reply comments must be submitted using http://www.regulations.gov, docket number USTR–2013–0039. In the unusual case where submitters are unable to make submissions through regulations.gov, the submitter must contact Yvonne Jamison at (202) 395–3475 to make alternate arrangements. To submit comments using http://www.regulations.gov, enter docket number USTR–2013–0039 under “Key Word or ID” on the home page and click “Search”. The site will provide a search results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Locate the reference to this notice, and click on “Comment Now!” Follow the instructions given on the screen to submit a comment. The http://www.regulations.gov Web site offers the option of providing comments by filling in a “Type Comment” field or by attaching a document using the “Upload File(s) option. While both options are acceptable, USTR prefers submissions in the form of an attachment. If you attach a comment, it is sufficient to type “see attached” in the comment section. Please do not attach separate cover letters to electronic submissions; rather, include any information that might appear in a cover letter in the comments themselves. Similarly, to the extent possible, please include any exhibits, annexes, or other attachments in the same file as the submission itself, not as separate files. (For further information on using the www.regulations.gov Web site, please consult the resources provided on the Web site by clicking on “How to Use This Site” on the left side of the home page.)

Submitters should provide updated information on all issues they cite in their filings; USTR will not review submissions that are copies of earlier submissions.

Business Confidential Submissions
For any comments submitted electronically containing business confidential information, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters “BC”. The top of any page containing business confidential information must be clearly marked “BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL.”. Any person filing comments that contain business confidential information must also file in a separate submission a public version of the comments. The file name of the public version of the comments should begin with the character “P”. The “BC” and “P” should be followed by the name of the person or entity submitting the comments. The submitter must include in the comments a written explanation of why the information should be protected. The submission must indicate, with asterisks, where confidential information was redacted or deleted. The top and bottom of each page of the non-confidential version must be marked either “PUBLIC VERSION” or “NON–CONFIDENTIAL”.

Public Inspection of Submissions
Comments will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection, except confidential business information. Comments may be viewed on the http://www.regulations.gov Web site by entering the relevant docket number in the search field on the home page.

Laurie Ann Agama,
Acting Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Surface Transportation Board
[Docket No. FD 35784]

CSX Transportation, Inc.—Corporate Family Merger Exemption—Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Company

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) and Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Company (BR&P) (collectively, applicants) have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3) for a corporate family transaction pursuant to which BR&P would be merged into CSXT.

Applicants state that CSXT directly controls and operates BR&P, which is a subsidiary of CSXT. According to the applicants, CSXT owns 99.9% of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock of BR&P and 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of the preferred stock of BR&P. Under the proposed transaction, BR&P will be merged with and into CSXT. Applicants state that the purpose of the corporate transaction is to simplify the corporate structure and reduce overhead costs, and that the transaction will reduce corporate overhead and duplication by eliminating one corporation while retaining the same assets to serve customers.

Unless stayed, the exemption will be effective on December 21, 2013 (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

Applicants state that CSXT intends to merge BR&P into CSXT on or after that date. This is a transaction within a corporate family of the type specifically exempted from prior review and approval under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3). Applicants state that the transaction will not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or a change in the competitive balance with carriers outside the corporate family.

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. As a condition to the use of this exemption, any employees adversely affected by this transaction...
will be protected by the conditions set forth in New York Dock Railway—Control—Brooklyn District Eastern Terminal, 360 I.C.C. 60 (1979).

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 effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than December 13, 2013 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35784, 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 Louis E. Gitomer, Esq., Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204.

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

Jeffrey Herzig, Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35785]

The Three Rivers Railway Company—Corporate Family Merger Exemption—Mahoning State Line Railroad Company

The Three Rivers Railway Company (TRRC) and Mahoning State Line Railroad Company (MSLR) (collectively, applicants) have filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3) for a corporate family transaction.

According to applicants, TRRC is a Class III railroad and a subsidiary of CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT). TRRC directly controls and operates MSLR, a Class III carrier and wholly owned subsidiary of TRRC.

Under the proposed transaction, MSLR will be merged with and into TRRC. Applicants state that the purpose of the corporate transaction is to simplify the corporate structure and reduce overhead costs, and that the

transaction will reduce corporate overhead and duplication by eliminating one corporation while retaining the same assets to serve customers.

Unless stayed, the exemption will be effective on December 21, 2013 (30 days after the verified notice was filed). Applicants state that TRRC intends to merge MSLR into TRRC on or after that date.

This is a transaction within a corporate family of the type specifically exempted from prior review and approval under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3). Applicants state that the transaction will not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or a change in the competitive balance with carriers outside the corporate family.

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Because CSXT, which controls TRRC directly and MSLR indirectly, is a Class I carrier, any employees adversely affected by this transaction will, as a condition to the use of this exemption, be protected by the conditions set forth in New York Dock Railway—Control—Brooklyn District Eastern Terminal, 360 I.C.C. 60 (1979).2

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 effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than December 13, 2013 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35785, 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 Louis E. Gitomer, Esq., Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204.

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2 See Genesee & Wyo., Inc.—Corporate Family Transaction Exemption, FD 35764 (STB served Sept. 13, 2013) (making a corporate family transaction subject to labor protection that applies to transactions involving a Class II carrier because the corporate family included a Class II carrier).

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

Raine S. White, Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 1068 (Sub-No. 2X); Docket No. AB 1070 (Sub-No. 2X)]

Missouri Central Railroad Company—Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption—in Cass and Jackson Counties, MO; Central Midland Railway Company—Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption—in Cass and Jackson Counties, MO

Missouri Central Railroad Company (MCRR) and Central Midland Railway Company (CMR) jointly filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service to discontinue trackage rights over a rail line owned by the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) between Pleasant Hill, Mo. (milepost 263.5), and Leeds Junction, Mo. (milepost 288.3) (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 64080, 64034, 64082, 64081, 64138, 64133, and 64129. This notice replaces both a Notice of Exemption filed by MCRR on October 17, 2013, and an Amended Notice of Exemption filed by MCRR on October 30, 2013, in Docket No. AB 1068 (Sub-No. 2X).1

MCRR and CMR have certified that: (1) MCRR and CMR have not moved any local traffic over the Line for at least two years; (2) they have not moved any overhead traffic over the Line for at least two years, and that overhead traffic, if there were any, could 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 before the Surface Transportation Board or before any U.S. District Court or has been decided in

1 MCRR obtained trackage rights over the Line as part of the transaction involved in Missouri Central Railroad—Acquisition & Operation Exemption—Lines of Union Pacific Railroad, FD 33508 (STB served Jan. 27, 1998). CMRR obtained trackage rights over the Line when it filed a notice of operation exemption in Central Midland Railroad—Operation Exemption—Lines of Missouri Central Railroad, FD 33988 (STB served Jan. 29, 2001). Neither MCRR nor CMR has ever utilized these trackage rights.

Upon discontinuance of service by MCRR and CMR over the Line, UP will continue to be a common carrier authorized to operate on the Line.