

EMPLOYER STATUS DETERMINATION
San Joaquin Valley Railroad Co.

In Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) Finance Docket No. 31993, decided January 14, 1992, San Joaquin Valley Railroad Co. (SJVR) was granted authority to lease and operate certain rail lines owned by Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SP) (B.A. No. 1713) or Visalia Electric Railroad Company (VE) (B.A. No. 2744) and to assume trackage rights granted to SP over certain lines of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company (ATSF) (B.A. No. 1702), a total distance of 354.70 miles, in Fresno, Tulare, Kern, and Kings Counties, California.

SJVR leases the following lines owned by SP: (1) that segment of the Exeter Branch between milepost 206.15 near Fresno, and milepost 308.64 at Famoso; (2) the Coalinga Branch between milepost 240.15 at Goshen Junction and milepost 293.80 near Turk; (3) The Stratford Branch between milepost 263.44 at Rossi and milepost 271.69 at Stratford; (4) the Visalia Branch between milepost 246.01 at Goshen Junction and milepost 262.67 at Exeter; (5) those segments of the Clovis Branch between milepost 206.15 near Fresno and milepost 206.99 and between milepost 212.50 and milepost 223.15 near Clovis; and (6) the Richgrove Branch between milepost 295.01 at Richgrove and milepost 299.17 at Jovista. SJVR leases VE's line between milepost 0.00 at Exeter and milepost 1.13 near Citro Junction.

SJVR assumed SP's trackage rights over: (1) that segment of the Exeter Branch between mileposts 228.05 and 229.20 at Lacjac; (2) those segments of the Clovis Branch between mileposts 996.8 and 999.67 and (includes switching rights) between Fresno Interurban Railway Company mileposts 0.00 and 5.13; and (3) the following lines owned jointly by SP and ATSF: (i) the Arvin Branch between milepost 316.80 at Magunden and milepost 333.55 at Arvin and (ii) the Oil City Branch between milepost 308.74 at Oil Junction and milepost 312.50 at Maltha. SP also granted SJVR incidental trackage rights over a line between milepost 196.0 near Biola Junction and milepost 316.6 at Magunden.


According to information furnished by SJVR, it began operations on January 1, 1992, and first compensated its 22 employees on January 25, 1992 for the pay period of January 1, 1992 through January 15, 1992. SJVR presently interchanges with SP at Fresno, California and at Goshen Junction.

Based upon the information furnished, it is determined that the San Joaquin Valley Railroad Co. became a rail carrier employer under

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the Railroad Retirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act effective January 1, 1992, the date on which it began operations.


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