

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 September 18, 2009, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: September 5, 2008.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Anne K. Quinlan,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 184X)]

Illinois Central Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Cook County, IL

On August 29, 2008, Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) filed with the Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to permit IC to abandon approximately 1.1 miles of rail line, beginning from the point of switch at Station 0+00 (mainline MP 3.00—Throop Street) and extending northeasterly 5,863 feet to the end of the track at Station 58+63 (mainline MP 2.00—Cermak Road), where it stub-ends, all in Chicago, Cook County, IL.¹ The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 60616 and includes no stations.

The line does not contain Federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in IC's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set

¹ IC explains that, even though the line is classified as an industrial spur and does not have mileposts at this time, the line was once part of the Chicago and Alton Railroad's main line in Chicago. IC states that it has not located any record of an abandonment for the line or any evidence of the line having been relocated. IC further indicates that it has embargoed the Line since March 2008 due to track conditions.

forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by December 17, 2008.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,500 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).²

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than October 8, 2008. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$200 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 184X), and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Michael J. Barron, Jr., Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606-2832. Replies to IC's petition are due on or before October 8, 2008.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 245-0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on

² Effective July 18, 2008, the filing fee for an OFA increased to \$1,500. See *Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection with Licensing and Related Services—2008 Update*, STB Ex Parte No. 542 (Sub-No. 15) (STB served June 18, 2008).

the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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Decided: September 9, 2008.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Anne K. Quinlan,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. MC-F-21029]

Stagecoach Group PLC and Coach USA, Inc., et al.—Acquisition of Control—Eastern Travel & Tour, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice Tentatively Approving Finance Transaction.

SUMMARY: Stagecoach Group, PLC (Stagecoach), a noncarrier, its noncarrier intermediate subsidiaries (Stagecoach Transport Holdings plc, SCUSI Ltd., Coach USA Administration, Inc.), Coach USA, Inc. (Coach USA), and KILT Trans, Inc. (KILT), a motor passenger carrier (MC-115432) controlled by Coach USA (collectively, applicants), have filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 14303 for acquisition and operation of certain assets of Eastern Travel & Tour, Inc. (Eastern), a motor passenger carrier (MC-429551). Upon acquisition, Eastern will cease operations and KILT will assume such operations. The Board has tentatively approved the transaction, and if no opposing comments are timely filed, this notice will be the final Board action. Persons wishing to oppose the application must follow the rules under 49 CFR 1182.5 and 1182.8.

DATES: Comments must be filed by November 3, 2008. Applicants may file a reply by November 17, 2008. If no comments are received by November 3, 2008, this notice is effective on that date.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to STB Docket No. MC-F-21029 to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to applicants' representatives: David H. Coburn and Scott M. Mirelson, Steptoe & Johnson, LLP, 1330 Connecticut Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia Farr (202) 245-0359. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Stagecoach, headquartered in Scotland, is one of the world's largest providers of passenger transportation services. It operates in several countries, including the United States, through a series of operating divisions. Coach USA is a Delaware corporation that currently controls numerous passenger carriers, including KILT, one of the subjects of this transaction.¹ KILT is currently listed in Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) records as Pawtuxet Valley Bus Lines, Inc. Applicants state that KILT will request that FMCSA update its records to reflect the name KILT d/b/a Eastern following approval of the transaction.

Under the proposed transaction, applicants seek permission to acquire certain assets of Eastern, including Eastern's name, buses, customer lists, any property leases, sales records, Web site, and other assets. Eastern currently operates 12 motorcoaches, and provides regular route service between several points in the Mid-Atlantic States, including between New York, NY, and Washington, DC; New York and Baltimore, MD; and New York and Richmond, VA. The proposed transaction contemplates the cessation of operations by Eastern on these and other routes. Utilizing Eastern's assets in combination with KILT's, applicants state that there will be a seamless continuation of services previously provided by Eastern through KILT.

Under 49 U.S.C. 14303, the Board must approve and authorize a transaction it finds consistent with the public interest, taking into consideration at least: (1) The effect of the transaction on the adequacy of transportation to the public; (2) the total fixed charges that result; and (3) the interest of affected carrier employees. Applicants have submitted information, as required by 49 CFR 1182.2, including the information to demonstrate that the proposed transaction is consistent with the public interest under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b), and a statement that the 12-month aggregate gross operating revenues of all motor carrier parties and all motor carriers controlling, controlled by, or under common control with any party exceeded \$2 million. Applicants state that the proposed transaction will have no impact on the adequacy of transportation services available to the public inasmuch as the operations of

Eastern will remain unchanged, and that fixed charges associated with the proposed transaction will not be adversely impacted. Eastern currently employs approximately 24 persons, and applicants state that KILT is evaluating its employment needs with a view to employing qualified personnel that are currently employed by Eastern to operate the relevant services. Additional information, including a copy of the application, may be obtained from the applicants' representatives.

On the basis of the application, the Board finds that the proposed acquisition of assets is consistent with the public interest and should be authorized. If any opposing comments are timely filed, this finding will be deemed vacated and, unless a final decision can be made on the record as developed, a procedural schedule will be adopted to reconsider the application. *See* 49 CFR 1182.6(c). If no opposing comments are filed by the expiration of the comment period, this notice will take effect automatically and will be the final Board action.

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This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. The proposed acquisition and operation of certain assets of Eastern by applicants is approved and authorized, subject to the filing of opposing comments.

2. If timely opposing comments are filed, the findings made in this decision will be deemed as having been vacated.

3. This decision will be effective on November 3, 2008, unless timely opposing comments are filed.

4. A copy of this decision will be served on: (1) U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; (2) the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 10th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20530; and (3) the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the General Counsel, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

Decided: September 11, 2008.

By the Board, Chairman Nottingham, Vice Chairman Mulvey, and Commissioner Buttrely.

Anne K. Quinlan,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

**Senior Executive Service;
Departmental Performance Review
Board**

AGENCY: Treasury Department.

ACTION: Notice of members of the Departmental Performance Review Board (PRB).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), this notice announces the appointment of members of the Departmental PRB. The purpose of this PRB is to review and make recommendations concerning proposed performance appraisals, ratings, bonuses and other appropriate personnel actions for incumbents of SES positions for which the Secretary or Deputy Secretary is the appointing authority. These positions include SES bureau heads, deputy bureau heads and certain other positions. The Board will perform PRB functions for other key bureau positions if requested.

Composition of Departmental PRB: The Board shall consist of at least three members. In the case of an appraisal of a career appointee, more than half the members shall consist of career appointees. The names and titles of the PRB members are as follows:

Peter B. McCarthy, Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer

Clay Lowery, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs

Eric Solomon, Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy

Kenneth E. Carfine, Fiscal Assistant Secretary

Rochelle F. Granat, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Chief Human Capital Officer

Charles R. Hastings, Deputy Chief Human Capital Officer

Linda E. Stiff, Deputy Commissioner, Services and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service

John J. Manfreda, Administrator, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

Vicky I. McDowell, Deputy Administrator, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

James H. Freis, Jr., Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

William F. Baity, Deputy Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

Judith R. Tillman, Commissioner, Financial Management Service

David A. Lebyrk, Deputy Commissioner, Financial Management Service

Frederick Van Zeck, Commissioner, Bureau of the Public Debt

¹ Together, Stagecoach and Coach USA control 65 motor passenger carriers.