

1996. We are therefore discontinuing the proceedings heretofore instituted in Ex Parte No. 388 (Sub-Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 33, 35, and 36) (the certification sub-dockets for Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, respectively).

A copy of this notice will be served on the Governor of each State, the Public Service Commission (or other appropriate regulatory agency) in each State, and all other parties of record in Ex Parte No. 388, Ex Parte No. 388 A, and Ex Parte No. 388 (Sub-Nos. 1 through 37).

This action (we are simply stating the effect that ICCTA had on the preexisting certification regime) will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Decided: March 21, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,  
Secretary.

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## Surface Transportation Board<sup>1</sup>

[STB Docket No. AB-467X]

### J.P. Rail Inc., T/A Southern Railroad Company of New Jersey— Abandonment Exemption; in Linwood, Atlantic County, NJ

J.P. Rail Inc., T/A Southern Railroad Company of New Jersey (SRNJ) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 Subpart F; *Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 3.38 mile line of its rail line known as the Linwood Industrial Track, from that point on the line in Pleasantville, in the vicinity of Decatur Avenue (approximately milepost 0.31+) to the end of the line in the vicinity of Wilson Avenue and Poplar Avenue (approximately milepost 3.69+) in Linwood, Atlantic County, NJ.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (the Act), which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10903.

<sup>2</sup> The verified notice of exemption was filed on March 5, 1996. Board staff contacted SRNJ and requested clarification of its verified notice. SRNJ

SRNJ has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line; (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 with the Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to use of this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on May 3, 1996, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>3</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>4</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29<sup>5</sup> must be filed by April 15, 1996. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by April 23, 1996, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Surface Transportation

supplemented the record by letter filed March 14, 1996. Because the notice must be filed with the Board at least 50 days before the abandonment is to be consummated, consummation may not occur before May 3, 1996. See 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(2). SRNJ has confirmed that the correct consummation date of the abandonment will be May 3, 1996. As noted subsequently in this notice, the exemption will be effective on that date.

<sup>3</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>4</sup> See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

<sup>5</sup> The Board will accept late-filed trail use requests so long as the abandonment has not been consummated and the abandoning railroad is willing to negotiate an agreement.

Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: John K. Fiorilla, Watson, Stevens, Fiorilla & Rutter, 390 George Street, P.O. Box 1185, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

SRNJ has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonments effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by April 8, 1996. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 3219, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling Elaine Kaiser, Chief of SEA, at (202) 927-6248. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days 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.

Decided: March 26, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Departmental Offices, Debt Management Advisory Committee; Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 10(a)(2), that a meeting will be held at the U.S. Treasury Department, 15th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, on April 30 and May 1, 1996, of the following debt management advisory committee:

Public Securities Association  
Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee

The agenda for the meeting provides for a technical background briefing by Treasury staff on April 30, followed by a charge by the Secretary of the Treasury or his designate that the committee discuss particular issues, and a working session. On May 1, the committee will present a written report of its recommendations.

The background briefing by Treasury staff will be held at 11:30 a.m. Eastern time on April 30 and will be open to the public. The remaining sessions on April

30 and the committee's reporting session on May 1 will be closed to the public, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 10(d).

This notice shall constitute my determination, pursuant to the authority placed in heads of departments by 5 U.S.C. App. 10(d) and vested in me by Treasury Department Order No. 101-05, that the closed portions of the meeting are concerned with information that is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A). The public interest requires that such meetings be closed to the public because the Treasury Department requires frank and full advice from representatives of the financial community prior to making its final decision on major financing operations. Historically, this advice has been offered by debt management advisory committees established by the several major segments of the financial community. When so utilized, such a committee is recognized to be an advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 3.

Although the Treasury's final announcement of financing plans may not reflect the recommendations provided in reports of the advisory committee, premature disclosure of the committee's deliberations and reports would be likely to lead to significant financial speculation in the securities market. Thus, these meetings fall within the exemption covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A).

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Markets is responsible for maintaining records of debt management advisory committee meetings and for providing annual reports setting forth a summary of committee activities and such other matters as may be informative to the public consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: March 27, 1996.

Darcy Bradbury,

*Assistant Secretary, Financial Markets.*

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## Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

[Docket No. 96-07]

### Covered Executive Branch Officials at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995

**AGENCY:** Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency is publishing a list of

the current "covered executive branch officials" at the agency for purposes of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (the Act) and the name of an office at the agency that will identify "covered executive branch officials" for purposes of the Act.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barrett Aldemeyer, Senior Counsel, Administrative and Internal Law Division, 202-874-4460; Heidi Thomas, Legislative Counsel, or Nancy Michaleski, Assistant Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, 202-874-5090, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20219.

### Covered Executive Branch Officials at the OCC

The Act (Pub. L. 104-65, 109 Stat. 691), codified at 2 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*, repeals the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act, 2 U.S.C. 261 *et seq.*, and puts into place new Federal requirements for the disclosure and registration of individuals who make lobbying contacts with covered Federal legislative and executive branch officials. The Act generally became effective on January 1, 1996.

To assist individuals in complying with the requirements of the Act, the OCC is publishing the names of the officials at the OCC who currently are "covered executive branch officials." The Act defines a "covered executive branch official," among other things, to include any officer or employee serving in a position in Levels I through V of the Executive Schedule, or any officer and employee serving in a position of a confidential, policy-determining, policy-making, or policy-advocating character described in section 5 U.S.C. 7511(b)(2).<sup>1</sup>

The OCC has determined that the following individuals are currently covered by the Act and have been covered since the date of enactment because they serve in positions in the Executive Service or in Schedule C positions:

- Eugene A. Ludwig, Comptroller
- Mark P. Jacobsen, Senior Advisor to the Comptroller

<sup>1</sup> Recent guidance issued by the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate states that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has indicated that all Schedule C employees are within 5 U.S.C. 7511(b)(2) and, therefore, covered by the Act. The recent guidance also indicates that OPM may find that additional positions are covered by 5 U.S.C. 7511(b)(2). However, this information is provided only as guidance and it is not legally binding. The guidance states that the Act does not provide the Clerk or the Secretary with authority to issue substantive regulations or definitive interpretations of the law.

- Konrad S. Alt, Senior Deputy Comptroller
- Douglas E. Harris, Senior Deputy Comptroller

The Act requires each "covered executive branch official" or, in the alternative, the official's employing office, to identify whether the official is covered by the Act upon the request of a person making a lobbying contact. To obtain updated information from the OCC about whether an OCC employee is a "covered executive branch official," an individual may contact the following OCC office: Office of Communications, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E St., SW., Washington, D.C. 20219, (202) 874-4700, *Attention:* Frank Vance, Disclosure Officer. In addition, as necessary, the OCC may publish a revised list of OCC "covered executive branch officials."

Dated: March 27, 1996.

Eugene A. Ludwig,

*Comptroller of the Currency.*

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## Customs Service

### Application for Recordation of Trade Name: "OMI Industries, Inc."

**ACTION:** Notice of Application for Recordation of Trade Name.

**SUMMARY:** Application has been filed pursuant to section 133.12, Customs Regulations (19 CFR 133.12), for the recordation under section 42 of the Act of July 5, 1946, as amended (15 U.S.C. 1124), of the trade name "OMI INDUSTRIES, INC.," used by OMI Industries, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, located at 310 Outerbelt Street, Columbus, Ohio 43213.

The application states that the trade name is used in connection with aluminum and steel die cast products. The merchandise is manufactured in Russia.

Before final action is taken on the application, consideration will be given to any relevant data, views, or arguments submitted in writing by any person in opposition to the recordation of this trade name. Notice of the action taken on the application for recordation of this trade name will be published in the Federal Register.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 3, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to U.S. Customs Service, Attention: Intellectual Property Rights Branch, 1301 Constitution Avenue,