

of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate the Cimarron Valley and the Manter Branches, including overhead trackage rights, from The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company ("Santa Fe") as follows: (1) 151.04 miles of the Cimarron Valley Branch extending from East Ensign, KS, at milepost 3.76, to east of Boise City, OK, at milepost 154.80; (2) incidental overhead trackage rights to permit interchange on Santa Fe's C.V. Subdivision between milepost 154.80 and milepost 158.33, on Track No. 2 of Santa Fe's Boise City Subdivision between milepost 158.33 and milepost 159.74, and on Track Nos. 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Santa Fe's Boise City Yard near Boise City, OK; (3) 103.83 miles of the Manter Branch from Satanta, KS, at milepost 0.06 to east of Springfield, CO, at milepost 91.03 together with the Pritchett Industrial Spur from North Junction, north of Springfield, CO, at milepost 96.84, to near Pirtchett, CO, at milepost 109.70; and (4) incidental overhead trackage rights to permit interchange on Santa Fe's Manter Subdivision between milepost 91.03 and the west end of Santa Fe's Manter Subdivision at South Junction, CO, near milepost 95.00, and on Santa Fe's Boise City Subdivision between milepost 172.60 and milepost 174.40, and on the siding of Santa Fe's Boise City Subdivision at Springfield, CO.

Consummation was expected to occur on or shortly after February 23, 1996.

This proceeding is related to *David L. Durbano—Continuance in Control Exemption—Cimarron Valley Railroad, L.C.*, STB Finance Docket No. 32870, wherein David L. Durbano has concurrently filed a verified notice to continue to control CVR, upon its becoming a Class III rail carrier.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) [formerly section 10505(d)] may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to reopen will not automatically stay the transaction. An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 32869, must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Walter T. Merrill, Durbano

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. 10901.

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Decided: February 27, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[STB Finance Docket No. 32870]

David L. Durbano—Continuance in Control Exemption—Cimarron Valley Railroad, L.C.

David L. Durbano (Applicant), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of Cimarron Valley Railroad, L.C. (CVR), upon CVR's becoming a Class III rail carrier. Consummation was expected to occur on or shortly after February 23, 1996.

CVR, a noncarrier, has concurrently filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 in *Cimarron Valley Railroad, L.C.—Exemption to Acquire and Operate—Cimarron Valley and Manter Branches of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 32869, in which CVR seeks to acquire and operate 151.04 miles of the Cimarron Valley Branch rail line and 103.83 miles of the Manter Branch rail line both of which are owned by The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company. CVR's acquisition of the rail lines was expected to have been consummated on or shortly after February 23, 1996.

Applicant controls four other Class III rail carriers: Wyoming and Colorado Railroad Company, Inc. (WYCO); Oregon Eastern Railroad Company, Inc. (OER); Arizona Central Railroad, Inc. (AZCR); and Southwestern Railroad Company, Inc. (SWR).

The transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323 [formerly section 11343] because Applicant states that: (1) CVR, WYCO, OER, AZCR, and SWR will not connect with each other; (2) the continuance in control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the railroads with each other; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier.

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, 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. 11323.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees adversely affected by the transaction will be protected under *New York Doc Ry.—Control—Brooklyn Eastern Dist.*, 360 I.C.C. 60 (1979).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) [formerly section 10505(d)] may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to reopen will not automatically stay the transaction. An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 32870, must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Walter T. Merrill, Durbano & Associates, 3340 Harrison Boulevard, Suite 200, Ogden, UT 84403.

Decided: February 27, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs' notice that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, authorized by P.L. 103-446, to be held from March 11, 1996 to March 13, 1996, is hereby canceled. The notice appeared in the Federal Register on February 14, 1996, Vol. 61, No. 31, page 5837.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Anthony T. Hawkins, Associate Director, Center for Minority Veterans, (phone 202-273-6708).

Dated: February 26, 1996.

By direction of the Secretary:

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) as amended, by section 5(c) of Public Law 94-409 that a meeting of the

Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will be held at the Vista International Hotel, 1400 "M" Street NW, Washington, DC on July 16 through July 18, 1996.

The session on July 16, 1996 is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. The sessions on July 17 and July 18, 1996, are scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review rehabilitation research and development applications for scientific and technical merit and to make recommendations to the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, regarding their funding.

The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room for the July 16 session for the discussion of administrative matters, the general status of the program, and the administrative details of the review process. On July 16-18, 1996 the meeting is closed during which the Board will be reviewing research and development applications.

This review involves oral comments, discussion of site visits, staff and consultant critiques of proposed research protocols, and similar analytical documents that necessitate the consideration of the personal qualifications, performance and competence of individual research investigators. Disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Disclosure would also reveal research proposals and research underway which could lead to the loss

of these projects to third parties and thereby frustrate future agency research efforts.

Thus, the closing is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 522b(c)(6), and (c)(9)(B) and the determination of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs under Sections 10(d) of Public Law 92-463 as amended by Section 5(c) of Public Law 94-409.

Due to the limited seating capacity of the room, those who plan to attend the open session should write to Ms. Victoria Mongiardo, Program Analyst, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, 103 South Gay Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 (Phone: (410-962-2563) at least five days before the meeting.

Dated: February 26, 1996.
By Direction of the Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,
Committee Management Officer.
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Wage Committee, Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with Public Law 92-463, gives notice that meetings of the VA Wage Committee will be held on:

Wednesday, April 24, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 22, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 5, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 19, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.

The meetings will be held in Room 1225, Department of Veterans Affairs, Tech World Plaza, 801 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001.

The Committee's purpose is to advise the Under Secretary for Health on the development and authorization of wage schedules for Federal Wage System (blue-collar) employees.

At these meetings the Committee will consider wage survey specifications, wage survey data, local committee reports and recommendations, statistical analyses, and proposed wage schedules.

All portions of the meetings will be closed to the public because the matters considered as related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the Department of Veterans Affairs and because the wage survey data considered by the Committee have been obtained from officials of private business establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence. Closure of the meetings is in accordance with subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, and as cited in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (4).

However, members of the public are invited to submit material in writing to the Chairperson for the Committee's attention.

Additional information concerning these meetings may be obtained from the Chairperson, VA Wage Committee, Room 1225, 801 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001.

Dated: February 26, 1996.

By Direction of the Secretary.
Heyward Bannister,
Committee Management Officer.
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