

Collection of Information): NHTSA anticipates that no more than 17 vehicle manufacturers will be affected by these reporting requirements. NHTSA does not believe any of these 17 manufacturers are a small business (*i.e.*, one that employs less than 500 persons). Manufacturers of new passenger motor vehicles, including passenger cars, certain small buses, and light trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating of 8,500 pounds or less, must file a report annually.

Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden Resulting from the Collection of Information: NHTSA estimates that the vehicle manufacturers will incur a total annual reporting and cost burden of 6,066 hours and \$4,700,000. The amount includes annual burden hours incurred by multi-stage manufacturers and motor vehicle equipment suppliers.

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Noble N. Bowie,

Acting Associate Administrator for Safety, Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33979]

CenTra, Inc., et al.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Riverview Trenton Railroad Company

CenTra, Inc. (CenTra) and Crown Enterprises, Inc. (Crown) (collectively applicants), noncarriers, have filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of the Riverview Trenton Railroad Company (Riverview), upon Riverview's becoming a Class III railroad.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on the effective date of the exemption. The earliest the transaction could be consummated was December 20, 2000, 7 days after the exemption was filed.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33980, *Riverview Trenton Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Crown Enterprises, Inc.*, wherein Riverview seeks to acquire a line of railroad approximately 1.5 miles long in Riverview and Trenton, MI.

CenTra controls Crown and Crown controls Jefferson Terminal Railroad Company (Jefferson), an entity formed to become a Class III railroad, which has filed a notice of exemption to acquire

and operate a line owned by Crown in Detroit, MI.¹

Applicants state that (i) the rail lines of Riverview and Jefferson will not connect with each other, (ii) the transaction is not part of a series of transactions that would connect the railroads with each other and there is no other railroad in the corporate family, and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

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. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33979, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Daniel C. Sullivan, Esq., Sullivan & Hincks, 122 W. 22nd Street, Suite 350, Oak Brook, IL 60523.

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Decided: December 29, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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¹ The notice of exemption was filed in *Jefferson Terminal Railroad Co.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Crown Enterprises, Inc.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33950 (STB served and published at 65 FR 66802 on Nov. 7, 2000). A petition filed by the City of Detroit to revoke the exemption is currently pending.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33980]

Riverview Trenton Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Crown Enterprises, Inc.

Riverview Trenton Railroad Company (Riverview), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Crown Enterprises, Inc. and operate approximately 1.5 miles of rail line within a 76-acre parcel in Riverview and Trenton, MI.¹ The line connects with the track of the Canadian National Railway Company subsidiary Grand Trunk Western Railroad, Inc. (CN), over which Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) has operated, at the exit from the southwesterly edge of the 195.45-acre DSC site, as the track traverses diagonally across the intersection of King Road and W. Jefferson Avenue, in Trenton, near the FN Tower and CN River Subdivision milepost 10.96. The line also connects with the track of the CN as the line exits the 76-acre parcel at the northwest corner where it traverses W. Jefferson Avenue near its junction with Ford Avenue in Riverview and extends into the so-called CN Penn Salt Yard, over which Conrail has operated, near CN River Subdivision milepost 9.39.²

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33979, *CenTra, Inc., et al.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Riverview Trenton Railroad Company*, wherein CenTra, Inc., et al. has filed a verified notice to continue in control of Riverview upon its becoming a Class III rail carrier.

The transaction was expected to be consummated immediately after the effective date of the exemption. The earliest the transaction could be consummated was December 20, 2000, 7 days after the exemption was filed.³

¹ In addition, Riverview has acquired from DSC Ltd. (DSC), a noncarrier and nonaffiliate, related track and trackage rights within a 195.45-acre industrial site located adjacent to Riverview's 76-acre parcel.

² Riverview reports that all operations will occur within the Conrail Detroit Shared Asset Area as designated in a transaction approved by the Board, and consummated by the parties on June 1, 1999. See *CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc., Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Control and Operating Leases/Agreements—Conrail Inc. and Consolidated Rail Corporation*, STB Finance Docket No. 33388, Decision No. 89 (STB served July 23, 1998).

³ Riverview notes that it will apply to CN and Conrail for switching and interchanging of traffic to and from the tracks it owns, and/or will operate

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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) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33980, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Daniel C. Sullivan, Esq., Sullivan & Hincks, 122 W. 22nd Street, Suite 350, Oak Brook, IL 60523.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33985]

LB Railco, Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption—San Francisco Port Commission

LB Railco, Inc. (LB Railco) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to operate lines leased from the San Francisco Port Commission between a junction with Union Pacific Services, near Amador Street and Cargo Way, and the Intermodal Container Transfer Facility, and thence beyond to Piers 92, 94, and 96, a total distance of approximately one-half mile in San Francisco, CA.

LB Railco indicates that it intends to commence operations by December 30, 2000. The earliest the transaction can be consummated is December 29, 2000 (7 days after the exemption was filed).

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) may be filed

under a trackage and right-of-way agreement to furnish cars, containers and trailers for the movement of traffic of Riverview and to provide service to move the resulting traffic generated by the proposed operation focusing upon intermodal shipments, but that it will not enter or operate any track or right-of-way of CN or Conrail.

at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33985, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on John F. McHugh, McHugh & Barnes, P.C., 20 Exchange Place, New York, NY 10005.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-577X]

Mohall Railroad, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Bottineau, Renville, Ward and McHenry Counties, ND

On December 19, 2000, Mohall Railroad, Inc. (MRI) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a line of railroad known as the Mohall Line, extending from milepost 5.25 to milepost 35.0, a distance of 29.75 miles in Bottineau, Renville, Ward and McHenry Counties ND.¹ The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 58731, 58740, 58741, and 58750, and includes the stations of Deering (milepost 12.9), Wolseth (approximately milepost 18), and Glenburn (milepost 24.3).

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in MRI's possession will

¹ The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF), as successor to the Burlington Northern Railroad Company, is generally prohibited from abandoning in excess of 350 miles of rail lines in North Dakota, a mileage total BNSF has already reached. See section 402 of the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriation Act of 1982 (Pub. L. No. 97-102, 1982). This limitation applies to the abandonment of any BNSF lines in North Dakota, even after their sale to third parties, and would thus normally be applicable to the Mohall Line. However, by an amendment effective October 5, 2000, the specific segment of track involved here may be abandoned without being counted against this 350-mile limitation. See Pub. L. No. 106-940, sec. 372.

be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set 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 April 6, 2001.

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 offer must be accompanied by a \$1,000 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

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 for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than January 29, 2001. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-577X and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Mark S. Radke and Byron D. Olsen, Felhaber, Larson, Fenlon & Vogt, P.A., 601 Second Ave., South, Suite 4200, Minneapolis, MN 55402. Replies to the petition are due on or before January 29, 2001.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 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) 565-1545. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available 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 the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.