

conservation easement. Both the surface and mineral estates are to be exchanged and these lands will be administered by the National Park Service as a part of the CRNRA upon completion of the exchange. The lands are being acquired subject only to rights-of-way and easements of records.

The lands to be acquired by the United States of America are generally described as follows: A 200 foot strip of land containing 18.83 acres located along the Chattahoochee River within Land Lots 169, 170, 171, 173, 174 and 175 of the 14th District, 1ST Section, Forsyth County, Georgia to be conveyed in fee simple title and an adjoining 50 foot strip of land containing 4.53 acres to be conveyed as a Conservation Easement.

The value of the properties to be exchanged shall be determined by a current fair market value appraisal and if they are not approximately equal, the values shall be equalized by payment of cash and/or donation as circumstances require.

Detailed information concerning this exchange including precise legal description, Land Protection Plan, environmental assessment, and cultural reports are available at the address identified above.

For a period of 45 calendar days from the date of this notice, interested parties may submit comments to the above address. Comments will be evaluated and this action may be modified or vacated accordingly. In the absence of any action to modify or vacate, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: October 4, 1995.

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Acting Field Director, Southeast Area.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

[Finance Docket No. 32530]

Kansas City Southern Railway Company; Construction and Operation Exemption; Geismar Industrial Area Near Gonzales and Sorrento, LA

The Commission's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) notifies all interested parties that SEA will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in this proceeding and conduct a public scoping meeting, Thursday, November 30, 1995. The Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCS) filed a petition for exemption for

authority to construct and operate an 8.8 mile rail line from the KCS mainline near Sorrento to the Geismar Industrial area in Ascension Parish, Louisiana. Because of the potential for significant environmental impacts which may be associated with the proposed construction and operation, SEA has determined that preparation of an EIS is appropriate.

SEA will prepare a Draft EIS (DEIS) that will address the environmental impacts associated with this proposed construction and operation. SEA will serve the DEIS on all the parties to the proceeding and will make it available to the public upon request. There will be a 45-day comment period from the date the DEIS is served to allow the public opportunity to comment. After assessing all of the comments to the DEIS, SEA will then issue a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) that will include SEA's final recommendations to the Commission. The Commission will consider the FEIS and the environmental record in making its decision.

The purpose of the scoping process is to identify significant environmental issues and determine the scope of issues SEA will address in the DEIS. Issues typically addressed include alternatives to the proposed action, including the no-build alternative, impacts on transportation systems, land use, socio-economic impacts directly related to changes in the physical environment, energy resources, air quality, noise, public health and safety, biological resources, water quality, historic resources, coastal zone management consistency review, and mitigation to reduce or avoid impacts on the environment.

Anyone who cannot attend the scoping meeting may submit questions and comments regarding environmental concerns in writing by December 30, 1995 (30 days after the date of the scoping meeting). Attendees may also submit written comments at the scoping meeting or directly to the Commission by December 30, 1995. SEA will hold a public scoping meeting on the following date: Thursday, November 30, 1995, Gonzales Civic Center, 219 South Irma Boulevard, Gonzales, LA.

SEA will begin the scoping meeting at 4:30 p.m. with a one hour informal discussion period. At 5:30 p.m., SEA will open the formal portion of the scoping meeting with a brief overview of the environmental review process, and introduce the independent third party contractors and the KCS representatives who will also make brief presentations. At approximately 6:00 p.m., SEA will open the meeting for

questions and/or comments from the audience concerning the issues to be addressed during the environmental review process. To allow all interested persons the opportunity to comment on the proposal, speakers will have up to five (5) minutes for their oral comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Dalton at (202) 927-6202 or Elaine Kaiser at (202) 927-6248, Section of Environmental Analysis, Room 3219, Office of Economic and Environmental Analysis, 12th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC. TDD for hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.

By the Commission, Elaine K. Kaiser, Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. AB-406 (Sub-No. 4X)]

Central Kansas Railway, Limited Liability Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Harper County, KS

Central Kansas Railway, Limited Liability Company (CKR) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 9-mile portion of its H & S Subdivision between milepost 59.7 at or near Harper and milepost 68.7 at or near Anthony, in Harper County, KS.¹ CKR proposes to consummate the abandonment on or after November 29, 1995.²

CKR has certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic has been rerouted over other lines; (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

¹ CKR is a subsidiary of OmniTRAX, Inc. (OmniTRAX), a noncarrier holding company. Notice of a corporate family reorganization was given by the Commission in *Patrick D. Broe, The Broe Companies, The Great Western Railway Company, Railco Inc., Chicago West Pullman Transportation Corp., et al.—Corporate Family Reorganization Exemption*, Finance Docket No. 32531 (ICC served July 12, 1994). Under the reorganization, OmniTRAX was authorized to control 11 rail carriers and Patrick D. Broe was authorized to continue to control OmniTRAX.

² Pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(2), the railroad must file a verified notice with the Commission at least 50 days before the abandonment or discontinuance is to be consummated. The applicant, in its verified notice, indicated a proposed consummation date of October 15, 1995. Because the verified notice was not filed until October 10, 1995, consummation should not have been proposed to take place before November 29, 1995. Applicant's representative has subsequently agreed that the proposed consummation date is on or after November 29, 1995.