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Decided: October 25, 1995.

By the Commission, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Owen, and Commissioners Simmons and McDonald. Commissioner McDonald did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[Finance Docket No. 32767]

Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation—Acquisition Exemption—Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company

AGENCY: Interstate Commerce Commission.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10505, the Commission exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11343-45 the acquisition by Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation of 28.35 miles of interconnected rail lines of the Southwest Pennsylvania Railway Company known as the Greensburg Cluster, subject to the labor protective conditions set forth in *New York Dock Ry.—Control—Brooklyn Eastern Dist.*, 360 I.C.C. 60 (1979). The Cluster consists of (a) The Greensburg Industrial Track between mileposts 0.05± and 2.50±, (b) the Southwest Secondary Track between mileposts 2.50± and 17.54±, together with segments of the Sewickley and Tarr Branches, (c) the Southwest Branch/Southwest Secondary Track between mileposts 17.54± and 23.80±, (d) the Long Siding between mileposts 0.1± and 1.04±, (e) the Southwest (Radebaugh) Secondary Track and the Long Siding between mileposts 1.04± and 2.50±, and (f) the Yukon Industrial Track between mileposts 0.00± and 3.00± in Westmoreland and Fayette Counties, PA.

DATES: This exemption will be effective on November 13, 1995, unless stayed. Petitions for stay and petitions to reopen must be filed by November 8, 1995.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of any comments, referring to Finance Docket No. 32767, must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, one copy must be served on Keith G. O'Brien, REA, CROSS & AUCHINCLOSS, Suite 420, 1920 N St., NW., Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Decided: October 26, 1995.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. AB-12 (Sub-No. 157X)]

Southern Pacific Transportation Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Imperial County, CA

AGENCY: Interstate Commerce Commission.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Commission exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903-04 the discontinuance of service by Southern Pacific Transportation Company over a 9.38-mile segment of rail line known as the Sandia Branch, which consists of 8.64 track-miles between milepost 711.90 near El Centro, CA, and the end of the track at milepost 703.26, in Holtville, CA, and a .74-mile line segment from milepost 703.46 to milepost 702.72, in Holtville, Imperial County, CA, subject to environmental and standard employee protective conditions.

DATES: Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial

assistance has been received, this exemption will be effective on December 4, 1995. Formal expressions of intent to file an offer of financial assistance under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)¹ must be filed by November 13, 1995. Petitions to stay must be filed by November 20, 1995. Petitions for reopening must be filed by November 28, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings referring to Docket No. AB-12 (Sub-No. 157X), to: (1) Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) Petitioner's representatives: John MacDonald Smith and Gary A. Laakso, Southern Pacific Transportation Company, One Market Plaza, San Francisco, CA 94105.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-5610. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

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Decided: October 25, 1995.

By the Commission, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Owen, and Commissioners Simmons and McDonald. Commissioner McDonald did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Glass Ceiling Commission Open and Closed Meeting

Summary: Pursuant to section 10(a) of FACA, this is to announce that the teleconference meeting of the Glass Ceiling Commission which was to have taken place on October 25th and November 1, 1995 have been rescheduled to Thursday, November 9, 1995.

The Commission will meet in closed session in order to discuss commercial

¹ See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

characteristics of applicants for the Frances Perkins-Elizabeth Hanford Dole National Award For Diversity and Excellence in American Executive Management. The closing of this meeting is authorized by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and Section (c)(4) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)). This closing allows the Commission to discuss matters which if disclosed in an open meeting would reveal information that would not customarily be released to the public by the applicants.

The Open portion of the teleconference meeting will follow immediately after the closed portion.

The purpose of the Commission is to, among other things, focus greater attention on the importance of eliminating artificial barriers to the advancement of minorities and women to management and decisionmaking positions in business. The Commission has the practical task of: (a) conducting basic research into practices, policies, and manner in which management and decisionmaking positions in business are filled; (b) conducting comparative research of businesses and industries in which minorities and women are promoted or are not promoted; and (c) recommending measures to enhance opportunities for and the elimination of artificial barriers to the advancement of minorities and women to management and decisionmaking positions.

The purpose of this open meeting is to conduct a full Commission vote on the Recommendations Report that will be submitted to the President and Select Committees of Congress.

Time and Place: The Closed portion of the teleconference meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9, 1995 from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (EST). The Open teleconference meeting will be held from 2:35-3:35 p.m. (EST) in room C2313 at the Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Individuals with disabilities who wish to attend should contact Ms. Loretta Davis (202) 219-7342 if special accommodations are needed.

For further information contact: Ms. René Redwood, Executive Director, Glass Ceiling Commission, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room C-2313, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 219-7342.

Signed at Washington, DC this 31st day of October, 1995.

René A. Redwood,
Executive Director.

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Bureau of Labor Statistics

Proposal to Revise Method for Estimation of Monthly Labor Force Statistics for Certain Subnational Areas

AGENCY: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Labor.

ACTION: Request for comments on proposed action.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, through the Bureau of Labor Statistics, is responsible for the development and publication of local area labor force statistics. This program includes the issuance of monthly estimates of the labor force, employment, unemployment, and the unemployment rate for each State and labor market area in the nation. For 11 large States (California, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas) and two large areas (New York City, and the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area), the Current Population Survey (CPS) sample is sufficiently large to meet the BLS standard for direct use and the monthly estimates are taken directly from the survey. Historically, concern has been expressed over the volatility of monthly CPS estimates in these large States and areas.

Under anticipated lower funding levels, BLS plans to reduce the number of households in the CPS. One result will be that the 11 large States and two large areas no longer will be estimated directly from the monthly household survey. The BLS proposes to continue publishing monthly estimates for these subnational areas based on the time series modeling approach currently used in the other 39 States and the District of Columbia beginning in January 1996.

DATES: Comments are due by December 1, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Sharon P. Brown, Chief, Division of Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Suite 4675, 2 Massachusetts Ave., NE., Washington, DC 20212.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon P. Brown, Chief, Division of Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics, telephone 202-606-6390.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has been responsible for the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program since 1972. In 1978, the BLS broadened the use of data from the

Current Population Survey (CPS) in the LAUS program by extending the annual reliability criterion to monthly data. This action was within the context of a budget proposal to expand the CPS to yield monthly employment and unemployment data for all States by June 1981. Under the expanded criterion, monthly CPS levels were used directly for the 10 largest States, two sub-State areas, and the respective balance-of-State areas. The use of annual average CPS data continued for the other 40 States and the District of Columbia. Ultimately, the budget proposal which initiated the direct use of monthly State CPS data was rejected as too costly. Based on population ranking, the State of North Carolina joined the group of direct-use States in 1985, bringing that group to its current total size of 11 States. Also in 1985, sample redesign and other efficiencies improved the reliability of CPS data at the State level, resulting in the current criterion on monthly and annual average data of an 8 percent coefficient of variation on the level of unemployment when the unemployment rate is 6 percent.

Especially in regard to the monthly direct use of State CPS data, concern has been expressed as to the volatility of the statistics. In the typical direct-use State, a month-to-month change in the unemployment rate must exceed 0.7 percentage point to be considered statistically significant. Often, States experience consecutive, offsetting large movements in the unemployment rate.

For the other 39 States and the District of Columbia, after extensive research and simulation, variable coefficient time series models for monthly estimation of State employment and unemployment were introduced in 1989. Further improvement was effected with the implementation of signal-plus-noise models in 1994. These models rely heavily on monthly CPS data, as well as current wage and salary employment and unemployment insurance statistics. At the end of each year, the monthly model estimates are rebenchmarked so that the annual averages for each State match the annual averages derived directly from the CPS.

Because of the budget reductions that the Bureau anticipates, the CPS sample may not be of sufficient size to provide monthly data directly for the 11 large States, New York City, and the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area. Monthly estimates will continue to be produced, based on the time series modeling method currently used for the other States and the District of Columbia. Data for the current direct-use States and