

railroad between milepost 83.5 in Rockwood and milepost 97.5 in Denmark, in Manitowoc and Brown Counties, WI.

FVW has certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted; (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 16, 1996, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,³ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),⁴ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29⁵ must be filed by April 26, 1996. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by May 6, 1996, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Thomas J. Litwiler, Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, Two

³The 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.

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

⁵The 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.

Prudential Plaza, 45th Floor, 180 North Stetson Avenue, Chicago, IL 60601.

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

FVW has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by April 19, 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: April 8, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

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[Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 517X)]

**CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in Bell
County, KY**

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.¹

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10505, exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903-04 the abandonment by CSX Transportation, Inc., of its 5.22-mile Yellow Creek Branch between milepost WE-208.39 at Ponza and milepost WE-213.61 at Amru in Bell County, KY, subject to standard labor protective conditions.

¹The 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 and proceedings to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). Section 204(b)(1) of the Act provides, in general, that proceedings pending before the ICC on the effective date of that legislation shall be decided under the law in effect prior to January 1, 1996, insofar as they involve functions retained by the Act. This notice relates to a proceeding that was pending with the ICC prior to January 1, 1996, and to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502 and 10903-04. Therefore, this notice applies the law in effect prior to the Act, and citations are to the former sections of the statute, unless otherwise indicated.

DATES: Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective May 16, 1996. Formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) must be filed by April 26, 1996.² Petitions to stay must be filed by May 1, 1996. Requests for a public use condition conforming to 49 CFR 1152.28(a)(2) must be filed by May 6, 1996. Petitions to reopen must be filed by May 13, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings referring to Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 517X) to: (1) Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20423, and (2) Petitioner's representative: Charles M. Rosenberger, 500 Water Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 927-5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call or pick up in person from: DC News and Data, Inc., Room 2229, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: April 5, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for a Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with 49 CFR Sections 211.9 and 211.41, notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of Federal railroad safety regulations. The individual petitions are described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or

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

comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket No. HS-95-1) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590.

Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) in Room 8201, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590.

The waiver petitions are as follows:

Texas North Western Railway Company (TXNW) FRA Waiver Petition Docket No. HS-93-11

The TXNW seeks a continuation of a previously issued exemption so it may permit certain employees to remain on duty not more than 16 hours in any 24-hour period. The TXNW states that it is not its intention to employ a train crew over 12 hours per day under normal circumstances, but this exemption, if granted, would help its operation if unusual operating conditions are encountered.

The TXNW railroad operates 32 main track miles between Etter and Morse, Texas. Train movements are authorized by yard limit rule. The maximum authorized operating speed is 20 mph. The TXNW performs interchange with Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe (ATSF) at Etter and Machanee, Texas.

The petitioner asserts it employs not more than 15 employees and has demonstrated good cause for granting this exemption.

Texas, Gonzales and Northern Railroad (TXGN) Hours of Service Waiver Petition HS-93-24

The TXGN seeks a continuation of a previously issued exemption so it may permit certain employees to remain on duty not more than 16 hours in any 24-hour period. The TXGN states that it is not its intention to employ a train crew over 12 hours per day under normal circumstances, but this exemption, if

granted, would help its operation if unusual operating conditions are encountered. The TXGN railroad operates 12.3 miles between Gonzales and Harwood, Texas on excepted track, (yard tracks 1 and 2 at Harwood, are class 1). Train movements are authorized by the yard limit rule. The maximum authorized operating speed is 10 mph. The TXGN performs interchange with the Southern Pacific Railroad at Harwood.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWX) Hours of Service Waiver Petition HS-95-18

The TPWX seeks an exemption from the requirements of certain provisions of the hours of service regulations (49 CFR Part 228). The TPWX is a state run historical park railroad that operates excursion trains over 25 miles of standard gauge track, and occasionally operates work trains for the movie industry.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on April 11, 1996.

Phil Olekszyk,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Compliance and Program Implementation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

[AC-23; OTS Nos. 6051]

Provident Savings Bank, F.S.B., Riverside, California; Approval of Conversion Application

Notice is hereby given that on April 5, 1996, the Director, Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of Provident Savings Bank, F.S.B., Riverside, California, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, and the West Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1 Montgomery Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, California 94104.

Dated: April 10, 1996.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Nadine Y. Washington,

Corporate Secretary.

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Office of the Secretary

Notice of Call for Redemption

Washington, April 11, 1996.

To Holders of 8 Percent Treasury Bonds of 1996-01 and Others Concerned

1. Public notice is hereby given that all outstanding 8 percent Treasury Bonds of 1996-01 (CUSIP No. 912810 BW 7) dated August 16, 1976, due August 15, 2001, are hereby called for redemption at par on August 15, 1996, on which date interest on such bonds will cease.

2. Full information regarding the presentation and surrender of such bonds held in coupon and registered form for redemption under this call will be found in Department of the Treasury Circular No. 300, Revised, dated March 4, 1973, and by contacting a Federal Reserve Bank or Branch.

3. Such bonds held in book-entry form will be paid automatically on August 15, 1996, whether held on the books of the Federal Reserve Banks or in Treasury Direct accounts.

Gerald Murphy,

Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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Office of Thrift Supervision

[AC-24; OTS No. 5077]

City National Savings Bank, FSB, Jefferson City, Missouri; Approval of Conversion Application

Notice is hereby given that on April 5, 1996, the Director, Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of City National Savings Bank, FSB, Jefferson City, Missouri, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552, and the Midwest Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 122 W. John Carpenter Freeway, Suite 600, Dallas, Texas 75039-2010.

Dated: April 10, 1996.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Nadine Y. Washington,

Corporate Secretary.

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