

## DENIALS—Continued

11679-N .....	Request by Dorbyl Engineering Container Division (DHE) Republic of South Africa to authorize the manufacture, mark and sale of non-DOT specification portable tanks, mounted in ISO frames, to be used for the transportation in commerce of Division 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 material denied June 2, 1997.
11700-N .....	Request by Cryodyne Technologies, Inc. Madison, CT to authorize the transportation in commerce of non-flammable, non-toxic compressed gases, Division 2.2, in foreign made cylinders from the port area to a compressed gas company where the materials are repackaged into DOT authorized compressed gas cylinders for shipment to domestic users of the material denied February 19, 1997.
11717-N .....	Request by Matheson Gas Products, Secaucus, NJ to authorize the transportation in commerce of non-flammable, non-toxic compressed gasses in foreign made cylinders from the port of entry to a compressed gas company where the materials will be repacked into DOT authorized compressed gas cylinders for shipment to domestic users of the material denied March 13, 1997.
11741-N .....	Request by Park Metallurgical Corp., Detroit, MI to authorize the emergency transportation in commerce of sodium cyanide mixture dry in reused metal drums, UN1A2/X125/S not permanently marked to the minimum thickness criteria denied February 28, 1997.
11805-N .....	Request by Persons represented by the NPGA, Washington, DC to authorize the transportation in commerce of certain DOT Specification MC-330 and MC-331 cargo tanks, containing Propane, which do not meet the self-closing stop valve and excess flow valve requirements and to continue construction, certification, inspection and testing denied January 13, 1997.
11806-N .....	Request by Mississippi Tank Co., Hattiesburg, MS to authorize the transportation in commerce of certain DOT Specification MC-330 and MC-331 cargo tanks, containing compressed gases, which do not meet the self-closing stop valve and excess flow valve requirements and to continue construction, certification, inspection and testing denied January 13, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33473]

**Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd.; Trackage Rights Exemption; The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company**

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. (IAIS), between the connection of the parties at East Moline, IL, at or near milepost 246.17, and the connection of the parties at Rock Island, IL, at or near milepost 253.51, all within Rock Island County, IL. The total distance of the trackage rights is approximately 7.34 miles. The transaction is to be consummated on or soon after October 21, 1997, the effective date of the exemption.

The purpose of the proposed trackage rights is for IAIS and BNSF to improve operational and maintenance efficiencies and to combine operations over parallel lines of railroad which BNSF and IAIS have in or near the cities of Rock Island, Moline, and East Moline, IL.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). 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. 33473, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001 and served on: T. Scott Bannister, Secretary & General Counsel, Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd., 1300 Des Moines Building, 405 Sixth Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309.

Decided: October 20, 1997.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-391 (Sub-No. 3X)]

**Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Benson County, ND**

Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company (RRVW) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon an approximately 11.94-mile line of railroad from approximately milepost 16.56, approximately one mile

west of state highway 30, near Maddock to approximately milepost 28.5 near Esmond, in Benson County, ND. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 58332.

RRVW has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic moving over the line; (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 Surface Transportation Board (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 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 November 28, 1997, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve