

River Transportation Services, Inc. (MC-161531), Salt Lake Coaches, Inc. (SLC);¹⁰ Valen Transportation, Inc. (MC-212398); and Worthen Van Service, Inc. (MC-142573).

In STB Docket No. MC-F-20936, Yellow Cab Service will be responsible for those Coach-controlled carriers that focus on specialized transportation services. Yellow Cab Service seeks control of the following four motor passenger carriers: Airport Limousine Service, Inc. (MC-315702); Pittsburgh Transportation Charter Services, Inc. (MC-319195); Metro Cars, Inc. (MC-276823); and Kansas City Executive Coach, Inc. (MC-203805).

Coach and the subsidiaries plan to acquire control of additional motor passenger carriers in the coming months. Coach anticipates that the subsidiaries will be well-positioned to aid in the assessment of possible future acquisitions of motor passenger carriers in the particular area in which each subsidiary functions. According to Coach, the subsidiaries will be able to make those assessments in view of the operations of the carriers under their control and with a view toward developing and carrying out a strategic growth plan best suited to their particular area. Coach asserts that, as a result of the transfer of control to the subsidiaries, the operating carriers will become stronger and more responsive competitors in the areas in which each operates. Thus, the traveling public will have a higher level of assurance of access to passenger services due to the ability of the management of each subsidiary to coordinate the movement of vehicles between and among the operating carriers. In addition, the traveling public will benefit from the strategic planning and coordination by each subsidiary, as well as the ability of management to be responsive to the concerns, complaints and issues raised by the traveling public.

Coach certifies that none of the carriers to be acquired by the subsidiaries holds an unsatisfactory safety rating from the U.S. Department of Transportation; that each has sufficient liability insurance; and none is domiciled in Mexico or owned or controlled by persons of that country; and that approval of the transactions will not significantly affect either the

quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources. Additional information may be obtained from the applicants' representatives.

Under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b), we must approve and authorize a transaction we find consistent with the public interest, taking into consideration at least: (1) the effect of the transaction on the adequacy of transportation to the public; (2) the total fixed charges that result; and (3) the interest of affected carrier employees.

On the basis of the applications, we find that the proposed acquisitions of control are consistent with the public interest and should be authorized. If any opposing comments are timely filed, this finding will be deemed vacated and, unless a final decision can be made on the record as developed, a procedural schedule will be adopted to reconsider the applications.¹¹ If no opposing comments are filed by the expiration of the comment period, this decision will take effect automatically and will be the final Board action.

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This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. The proposed acquisitions of control are approved and authorized, subject to the filing of opposing comments.
2. If timely opposing comments are filed, the findings made in this decision will be deemed as having been vacated.
3. This decision will be effective on January 4, 1999, unless timely opposing comments are filed.
4. A copy of this notice will be served on: (1) the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Motor Carriers-HIA 30, 400 Virginia Avenue, S.W., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024; and (2) the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 10th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20530.

Decided: November 12, 1998.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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¹¹ Under revised 49 CFR 1182.6(c), a procedural schedule will not be issued if we are able to dispose of opposition to the application on the basis of comments and the reply.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33677]

St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad (Quebec) Inc.; Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Line of Canadian National Railway Company

St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad (Quebec) Inc. (SL&AQ), a noncarrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire overhead trackage rights from Canadian National Railway Company (CN), over approximately 15.83 miles of rail line owned by St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company (SL&A) between Island Pond, VT (MP 0.00 on CN's Sherbrooke Subdivision) and the United States/Canada border, near Norton, VT (MP 15.83 on CN's Sherbrooke Subdivision).

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33678, *Emons Transportation Group, Inc., and Emons Railroad Group, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad (Quebec) Inc.*, wherein Emons Transportation Group, Inc. and Emons Railroad Group, Inc. have filed a petition for exemption to continue in control of SL&AQ once it acquires CN's overhead trackage rights and becomes a Class III rail carrier.¹

SL&AQ intends to consummate the transaction and begin operations on or soon after the effective date of this notice *i.e.*, November 5, 1998, and upon approval and effectiveness of the related petition for exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 33678.

If the 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. 33677, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Kevin M. Sheys, Oppenheimer Wolff Donnelly &

¹ Emons Transportation Group, Inc., and Emons Railroad Group, Inc., noncarriers, currently control through stock ownership four Class III rail common carriers: Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad Company (M&P), Yorkrail, Inc. (YRK), Penn Eastern Rail Lines, Inc. (PERL), and SL&A. Emons Transportation Group Inc. controls all four carriers; Emons Railroad Group, Inc. controls YRK, PERL, and SL&A.

¹⁰ Coach states that SLC does not yet hold federally issued operating authority but has filed an application with the Federal Highway Administration. In *Coach USA, Inc.—Continuance in Control—Salt Lake Coaches, Inc.*, STB Docket No. MC-F-20928 (STB served Sept. 4, 1998), Coach's continuance in control of SLC was approved upon SLC's becoming a motor passenger carrier.

Bayh LLP, 1350 Eye Street, N.W., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005.

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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-33 (Sub-No. 129X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Dallas and Guthrie Counties, IA (Perry Branch and Yale Spur)

On October 30, 1998, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) 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 11.4 miles of continuous lines of railroad known as the Perry Branch and the Yale Spur, extending: (1) from milepost 369.0 near Dawson to the end of the line at milepost 374.2 near Herndon (the Perry Branch); and (2) from milepost 54.3 at Herndon to the end of the line at milepost 48.1 at Yale (the Yale Spur) (collectively, the Line), in Dallas and Guthrie Counties, IA. The Line traverses U. S. Postal Service Zip Codes 50066 (Dawson), 50128 (Jamaica and Herndon), and 50277 (Yale), and includes the rail stations of Herndon at mileposts 374.2 and 54.3 and Yale at milepost 49.0.

The Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in UP's possession will 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 February 17, 1999.

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 December 9, 1998. 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-33 (Sub-No. 129X) 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) Joseph D. Anthofer, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179-0830. Replies to the UP petition are due on or before December 9, 1998.

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 (202) 565-1695.]

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.

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Decided: November 10, 1998.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 13, 1998.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 21, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

Financial Management Service (FMS)

OMB Number: 1510-0004.

Form Number: FMS 285-A.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Schedule of Excess Risks.

Description: Listing of Excess Risks written or assumed by Treasury certified companies showing compliance with Treasury Regulations to assist Treasury in determining solvency of certified companies for the benefit of writing Federal surety bonds.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 357.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 20 hours.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly, Annually (applications when filed by company).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 7,140 hours.

OMB Number: 1510-0047.

Form Number: TFS 2211.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: List of Data.

Description: Information is collected from insurance companies to provide Treasury with a basis for determining acceptability of insurance companies applying for a Certificate of Authority to write or reinsure Federal surety bonds.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 18 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion (applications when filed by company).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 450 hours.

OMB Number: 1510-0052.