

Decided: August 24, 2000.

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 Finance Docket No. 33911]

#### **KBN, Inc.—Control Exemption— Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc. and St. Croix Valley Railroad Company**

KBN, Inc. (KBN), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption to control two Class III railroads, Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc. (MNR) and St. Croix Valley Railroad Company (SCVR), operating in the State of Minnesota. KBN is proposing to acquire all of the outstanding stock of MNR and SCVR pursuant to a letter of intent to sell by RailAmerica Transportation Corp. KBN further states that signing of a formal agreement is imminent.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after August 15, 2000.

KBN states that: (i) These railroads do not connect with each other; (ii) the acquisition of control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the railroads with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

If the verified 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. 33911, 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, one copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas F. McFarland, Jr., 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1330, Chicago, IL 60606-2902.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33916]

#### **Penn Eastern Rail Lines, Inc.— Acquisition Exemption—Lines of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Acting Through Its Department of Transportation**

Penn Eastern Rail Lines, Inc. (PERL), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire ownership rights in two rail lines from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through its Department of Transportation. The first rail line, known as the Perkiomen Branch, extends between approximately milepost 22.338, at Pennsburg, and milepost 38.23, at Emmaus Junction, Emmaus, in Berks, Lehigh and Montgomery Counties, PA. The second rail line, known as the Mount Hope Industrial Track, extends between approximately milepost 0.36 and milepost 1.00, at Manheim, Lancaster County, PA. The total distance of the rail lines to be acquired is approximately 16.53 route miles. PERL will continue as the operator of the two rail lines.<sup>1</sup>

The parties report that they intend to consummate the transaction on or soon after the effective date of the exemption. The earliest the transaction can be consummated is August 25, 2000, 7 days after the exemption was filed.

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

<sup>1</sup> See *Penn Eastern Rail Lines, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Lines of Lancaster Northern Railway, Inc., Chester Valley Railway, Inc., East Penn Railways, Inc., and Bristol Industrial Terminal Railway, Inc.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33512 (STB served December 1, 1997).

a petition to revoke does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33916, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Kevin M. Sheys, Esq., Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP, 1350 Eye Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005-3324.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### **Departmental Offices; Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; Systems of Records**

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed new privacy act system of records.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury proposes to add a new Treasury-wide system of records to its inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended. This action is necessary to meet the requirements of the Privacy Act to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of the existence and character of records systems maintained by the agency (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4)).

**DATES:** The new system will be effective without further notice October 10, 2000, unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to Director, Office of Personnel Policy, Room 6018 Metropolitan Square, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hank Reddick, Office of Personnel Policy, (202) 622-0735.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Treasury Child Care Tuition Assistance Records system will collect family income data from Department of the Treasury employees for the purpose of determining their eligibility for child care tuition assistance. It also will collect