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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33485]

St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company--Lease and Operation Exemption--Berlin Mills
Railway, Inc.

St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company (SL&A), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate rail lines owned by Berlin Mills Railway, Inc., in Coos County, NH, as follows: (1) approximately 5.5 route miles between milepost 154.6 at Berlin and milepost 149.1 at Gorham; and (2) approximately 0.5 route miles of rail line (which does not have salient milepost designations) in the vicinity of Berlin. The total distance of the rail lines to be leased by SL&A is approximately 6.0 route miles. The transaction was expected to be consummated soon after October 9, 1997, the effective date of the exemption.

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. 33485, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit,

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1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001 and served on: Kevin M. Sheys and Edward J. Fishman, Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, 1020 Nineteenth Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036.

Decided: October 16, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary