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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 34890

PYCO INDUSTRIES, INC.—FEEDER LINE APPLICATION—  
LINES OF SOUTH PLAINS SWITCHING, LTD. CO.

STB Finance Docket No. 34922

KEOKUK JUNCTION RAILWAY CO.—FEEDER LINE APPLICATION—  
LINES OF SOUTH PLAINS SWITCHING, LTD. CO.

Decided: December 19, 2007

In a decision served on August 31, 2007 (August 31 Decision), the Board approved the competing applications of PYCO Industries, Inc. (PYCO) and Keokuk Junction Railway Co. (KJRY) to purchase, under the feeder line provision at 49 U.S.C. 10907, the rail lines of South Plains Switching, Ltd. Co. (SAW), at Lubbock, TX. The decision directed SAW to select the entity to which it would sell the lines. Three petitions for reconsideration of the August 31 Decision were filed: by PYCO, on September 10, 2007;<sup>1</sup> by Floyd Trucking Company (Floyd), on September 17, 2007; and by West Texas & Lubbock Railway Company, Inc. (WTL), on September 20, 2007.

On November 20, 2007, PYCO filed a motion to withdraw its petition for reconsideration because, on November 9, 2007, PYCO purchased SAW's rail lines pursuant to the August 31 Decision and a settlement between PYCO, SAW, and Choo Choo Properties, Inc. PYCO states that the sale moots its petition for reconsideration. Accordingly, PYCO's request to withdraw its petition will be granted.

In addition, PYCO indicates that the two remaining petitions for reconsideration similarly are moot because SAW sold its rail lines to PYCO. Because Floyd and WTL sought reconsideration only of the grant of KJRY's application, their petitions will be dismissed as moot.

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

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<sup>1</sup> On September 14, 2007, SAW replied to PYCO's petition.

It is ordered:

1. PYCO's request to withdraw its petition for reconsideration is granted.
2. The petitions for reconsideration filed by Floyd and WTL are dismissed as moot.
3. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary