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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33391]

South Carolina Central Railroad Inc., Carolina Piedmont Division--Acquisition Exemption--
Greenville & Northern Railway

South Carolina Central Railroad Inc., Carolina Piedmont Division (CPD), a Class III rail common carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate 11.8 miles of rail line from the Greenville & Northern Railway (G&NR) between milepost 0.0, at Greenville, SC, and milepost 11.8, at Traveler's Rest, SC. In addition, CPD will acquire, by assignment, G&NR's overhead trackage rights over 1.65 miles of a rail line owned by CSX Transportation, Inc. between milepost AKJ-591.53 and milepost AKL-57.35, in Greenville, SC.

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or shortly after April 24, 1997.

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 does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33391, 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 Karl Morell, Esq., BALL JANIK LLP 1455 F Street,
N.W., Washington, DC 20005.

Decided: April 23, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary