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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35786]

CaterParrott Railnet, LLC—Change in Operators Exemption—Rail Lines of Central of Georgia Railroad Company

CaterParrott Railnet, LLC (CPR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41 to change operators from Squaw Creek Southern Railroad, Inc. (SCS), to CPR on the following rail lines located in Georgia and owned by Central of Georgia Railroad Company (CGR), a wholly owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company: (1) approximately 21.75 miles of rail line between milepost F-53.75 at Machen, Jasper County, and milepost F-75.5 at Madison, Morgan County;¹ and (2) approximately 12.5 miles of rail line between milepost E-53.3 at Machen, Jasper County, and milepost E-65.8 at Newborn, Newton County.²

According to CPR, an agreement has been reached between the parties under which CPR will lease and operate the lines. CPR will accept transfer and/or assignment of SCS's common carrier obligation. SCS has agreed to terminate its lease with CGR.

¹ SCS obtained Board authority to lease and operate this line in 2008. Squaw Creek S. R.R.—Lease & Operation Exemption—Cent. of Ga. R.R., FD 35134 (STB served May 16, 2008).

² SCS obtained Board authority to lease and operate this line in 2009. Squaw Creek S. R.R.—Lease & Operation Exemption—Cent. of Ga. R.R., FD 35294 (STB served Sept. 17, 2009).

CPR states that its proposed lease of the lines does not contain a provision that prohibits, restricts, or would otherwise limit future interchange of traffic with any third-party rail carrier. This change in operators is exempt under 49 C.F.R. §1150.41(c).³

The transaction may be consummated on or after December 29, 2013 (30 days after the notice of exemption was filed).

CPR certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in CPR's becoming a Class I or Class II rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million.

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 effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than December 20, 2013 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35786, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Chris Parrott, CaterParrott Railnet, LLC, 700 East Marion Avenue, Nashville, GA 31639.

³ Under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(b), a change in operators requires that notice be given to shippers. CPR certifies that notice has been given to all known shippers on the lines.

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Decided: December 9, 2013.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.