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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33384]

Consolidated Rail Corporation--Trackage Rights Exemption--

Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) will agree to grant local trackage rights to Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) between a connection near Panhandle Crossing (Ash Street) located in Chicago, IL, BNSF's milepost 4.51 and a connection near McCook, IL, at BNSF's milepost 12.9, to the town of Willow Springs, IL, BNSF's milepost 17.72, a distance of approximately 13.21 miles.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or about April 7, 1997. The purpose of the trackage rights is to allow Conrail to operate intermodal trains into BNSF's intermodal terminal at Willow Springs, IL.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.--Trackage Rights--BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc. - Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

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This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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. 33384, 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 John K. Enright, Esq., Conrail Law Department, 16-A, 2001 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19101-1416.

Decided: April 2, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary