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[STB Finance Docket No. 33498]

Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated—Trackage Rights Exemption—Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company

Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E) has agreed to grant non-exclusive overhead trackage rights to Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated (GTW) over 60.1 miles of EJ&E's mainline track between the EJ&E/GTW connection at Griffith, IN (milepost 36.1 on EJ&E's Eastern Subdivision), and a point 7,500 feet west of the west switch of Eola Yard, at Eola, IL (milepost 24.0 on EJ&E's Western Subdivision).

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or after November 10, 1997, the effective date of the exemption.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to enable GTW to improve service and transit times between Griffith and Eola.

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).

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. 33498, 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 Robert P. vom Eigen, Hopkins & Sutter, 888 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006.

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By the Board, Beryl Gordon, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

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