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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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[STB Finance Docket No. 33515]

Connecticut Central Railroad Company, Inc.--Modified Rail Certificate

On November 14, 1997, Connecticut Central Railroad Company, Inc. (CCCL), a class III shortline railroad, filed a notice for a modified certificate of public convenience and necessity under 49 CFR 1150, Subpart C--Modified Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate approximately 4.0 miles of abandoned rail line between milepost 3.0 in Hartford, CT, and milepost 7.0 in Wethersfield, CT (the Wethersfield Secondary Track), owned by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (C-DOT).

The involved rail line was abandoned by Boston and Maine Corporation pursuant to Board authorization granted in Boston and Maine Corporation--Abandonment Exemption--in Hartford County, CT, STB Docket No. AB-32 (Sub-No. 80X) (STB served Sept. 17, 1997). C-DOT acquired the rail line on October 28, 1997.

Pursuant to a supplement to the agreement dated March 28, 1996, between C-DOT and CCCL,¹ which is scheduled to terminate on May 17, 2017, operations over the 4-mile segment of the Wethersfield Secondary Track were scheduled to commence no sooner than November 17, 1997.

The rail segment qualifies for a modified certificate of public convenience and

¹ The original notice of lease/operating agreement, dated June 24, 1987, governs CCCL's operations over other rail lines owned by C-DOT.

necessity. See Common Carrier Status of States, State Agencies and Instrumentalities, and Political Subdivisions, Finance Docket No. 28990F (ICC served July 16, 1981).

No subsidy is involved. There may be preconditions for shippers to meet in order to receive rail service. CCCL indicates that in order for potential shippers to receive service, they may be required to enter into a contractual agreement with it, and may be subject to a special train charge as set forth in CCCL's tariff.

The segment represents a connecting piece of trackage linking lines over which CCCL has already obtained a modified rail certificate. Northerly, the line will form a link with other CCCL-operated trackage, and will connect with Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) at Hartford, at or near milepost 2.6. Southerly, the line will connect with other CCCL-operated trackage and with a larger portion of CCCL's system. By this southerly connection, the line will enjoy interline connections already established by CCCL with the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company at Middlefield, CT, and with Conrail at Cedar Hill Yard in New Haven, CT.

This notice must be served on the Association of American Railroads (Car Service Division) as agent for all railroads subscribing to the car-service and car-hire agreement:

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Association of American Railroads, 50 F St., NW, Washington, DC 20001; and on the American Short Line Railroad Association: American Short Line Railroad Association, 1120 G St., NW, Suite 520, Washington, DC 20005.

Decided: December 15, 1997.

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

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