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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 33404

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY—ACQUISITION AND OPERATION
EXEMPTION—SUNSET RAILWAY COMPANY

Decided: June 25, 1997

San Joaquin Valley Railroad Company (San Joaquin), a Class III rail common carrier, filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire by lease and operate 47.5 miles of rail line from the Sunset Railway Company between milepost 0.5, near Bakersfield, and milepost 48.0, at Taft, in Kern County, CA. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the *Federal Register* (62 FR 33153) on June 18, 1997. The exemption was to become effective on or after May 30, 1997.

By letter filed on June 16, 1997, San Joaquin notified the Board that the milepost designations given in its notice were incorrect. The designations should have been from milepost .05, near Gosford, to milepost 36.5, near Taft, a distance of 36.45 miles in Kern County, CA.

It is ordered:

1. This proceeding is reopened.
2. The line description is modified as reflected by the letter filed on June 16, 1997, to correct the milepost designations.
3. This decision is effective on the date of service.

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

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary