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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33421]

West Virginia State Rail Authority—Acquisition Exemption—CSX Transportation, Inc.

West Virginia State Rail Authority, a Class III rail common carrier, for and on behalf of the State of West Virginia, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire 29.59 miles of rail line from CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) from milepost BUI-0.0, at Tygart Junction, to milepost BUI-28.4, at Elkins (known as the Belington Subdivision), and from milepost BUM-0.0, at Huttonsville Junction, to milepost BUM-1.19, at Elkins Junction, in Barbour and Randolph Counties, WV. CSXT will continue to be the operator of the property.

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or about July 4, 1997.

If the 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 does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33421, 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 Francis G. McKenna, Esq., Anderson & Pendleton, C.A., 1700 K Street, N.W., Suite 1107, Washington, DC 20006.

Decided: July 2, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary