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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 33995

SF&L RAILWAY, INC.—ACQUISITION AND OPERATION EXEMPTION—TOLEDO,
PEORIA AND WESTERN RAILWAY CORPORATION BETWEEN LA HARPE AND PEORIA,
IL

STB Finance Docket No. 33996

KERN W. SCHUMACHER AND MORRIS H. KULMER—CONTINUANCE IN CONTROL
EXEMPTION—SF&L RAILWAY, INC.

STB Docket No. AB-448 (Sub-No. 2X)¹

SF&L RAILWAY, INC.—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—IN HANCOCK, MCDONOUGH,
FULTON AND PEORIA COUNTIES, IL

Decided: January 17, 2003

By decision served December 20, 2002, action in STB Docket No. AB-448 (Sub-No. 2X) was deferred until January 21, 2003, to permit the Board to address a petition to reopen and reconsider an earlier Board decision in STB Finance Docket Nos. 33995 and 33996. While a decision on that petition is expected shortly, the decision will not be issued before January 21, 2003. Action in STB Docket No. AB-448 (Sub-No. 2X) will therefore be deferred until a decision is reached on the petition.²

¹ These proceedings are not consolidated; they are being considered together for administrative convenience.

² As stated in the decision served on December 26, 2002, in STB Docket No. AB-448 (Sub-No. 2X), the time for filing an offer of financial assistance in that proceeding is tolled pending further order of the Board.

It is ordered:

1. Action in STB Docket No. AB-448 (Sub-No. 2X) will be deferred until service of a decision addressing the petition to reopen and reconsider in STB Finance Docket Nos. 33995 and 33996.
2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary