

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 34916

CENTRAL ILLINOIS RAILROAD HOLDINGS LLC  
– ACQUISITION OF CONTROL EXEMPTION –  
CENTRAL ILLINOIS RAILROAD CO.

Decided: August 3, 2006

On July 28, 2006, Central Illinois Holdings LLC (Holdings), a noncarrier holding company, filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to acquire control of Central Illinois Railroad Company (CIRY), a Class III rail carrier. On August 2, 2006, Pioneer Industrial Railway Co. (PIRY) filed a petition to reject the notice or to stay the exemption.

Following consultation with Board staff, Holdings has requested permission to withdraw its exemption notice in a letter filed on August 2, 2006.<sup>1</sup> Holdings request to withdraw the notice is reasonable and will be granted, and the proceeding will be terminated. Accordingly, PIRY's requests for relief will be dismissed as moot.

It is ordered:

1. Holdings request to withdraw its notice of exemption is granted, and the proceeding is terminated.
2. PIRY's petition to reject Holding's notice or stay the exemption is dismissed as moot.

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<sup>1</sup> The transaction as presented to the Board involves the stock acquisition by a noncarrier of a single carrier, for which no Board approval is necessary. Should holdings seek in the future to acquire control of an additional carrier or to acquire rail assets, Board approval would be necessary.

3. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary