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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33419]

South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition Exemption—Kansas Eastern Railroad, Inc.

South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc., a Class III rail common carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate 94.8 miles of rail line from the Kansas Eastern Railroad, Inc. between milepost 343.7, at Columbus, KS, and milepost 438.5, at Severy, KS.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or shortly after June 27, 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. 33419, 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 Karl Morell, Esq., BALL JANIK LLP, 1455 F Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20005.

Decided: July 1, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary