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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 33723

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY—ACQUISITION AND OPERATION
EXEMPTION—TULARE VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY

Decided: May 5, 1999

San Joaquin Valley Railroad Company (SJVR), a Class III rail common carrier, filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire seven railroad line segments from the Tulare Valley Railroad Company.¹ Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register (64 FR 15200) on March 30, 1999. The exemption was to become effective on or after May 10, 1999.

By letter received May 4, 1999, SJVR's counsel filed a corrected notice of exemption. Counsel noted that the verified notice of exemption of SJVR filed on March 9, 1999 contained minor errors in the description of the line segments in items (5) and (6). The descriptions for those line segments should have been as follows:

(5) on the Visalia Subdivision, the line between milepost 50.71, at Lacjac, and milepost 49.59, at Reedley, a distance of 1.12 miles in Fresno County, CA; (6) on the Cameo Rail Spur, the line between milepost 0.03, at Fresno, and milepost 6.0, near Fresno, a distance of about 5.97 miles in Fresno County, CA;

¹ The lines to be acquired and operated by SJVR were described as follows: (1) on the Arvin Subdivision, between milepost 316.78, at Magunden, and milepost 333.83, at Arvin, a distance of 17.05 miles in Kern County, CA; (2) on the Oil City Subdivision, between milepost 308.09, at Oil Junction, and milepost 312.55, at Maltha, a distance of 4.46 miles in Kern County, CA; (3) on the Porterville Subdivision, between milepost 38.9, at Exeter, and milepost 47.2, at Lindsay, a distance of 8.3 miles in Tulare County, CA; (4) on the Visalia Subdivision, between milepost 23.8, at Visalia, and milepost 20.2, at Loma, a distance of 3.6 miles in Tulare County, CA; (5) on the Visalia Subdivision, between milepost 51.0, at Lacjac, and milepost 49.8, at Reedley, a distance of 1.2 miles in Tulare County, CA; (6) on the Cameo Rail Spur, between milepost 0.03+160, at Fresno, and milepost 6.0, near Fresno, a distance of about 5.97 miles in Fresno County, CA; and (7) on the Landco Spur, between milepost 113.70, near Bakersfield, and milepost 111.76, near Bakersfield, a distance of 1.94 miles in Kern County, CA.

It is ordered:

1. This proceeding is reopened.
2. The line segment descriptions for items (5) and (6) are corrected as described above and as reflected by the corrected notice of exemption filed on May 4, 1999.
3. This decision is effective on the date of service.

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

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary