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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[S.B. Finance Docket No. 333121

Illinois Central Railroad Company--Trackage Rights

Exemption--Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Norfolk Southern Railway Company has agreed to grant local trackage rights to Illinois Central Railroad Company over a total of approximately 4 miles of rail line located between the parties' trackage connection at Champaign, IL, and The Anderson's Inc., at Champaign, IL. The transaction was expected to be consummated on December 18, 1996.

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). 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 will not stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to S.B. Finance Docket No. 33312, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20423 and served on: Myles L. Tobin, Associate General Counsel, Illinois Central Railroad Company, 455 North Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, IL 60611-5504.

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As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.--Trackage Rights--BN, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.--Lease and OPERATE, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

Decided: December 20, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

