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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33938]

Adrian & Blissfield Rail Road Company–Acquisition Exemption–Michigan Department of Transportation

Adrian & Blissfield Rail Road Company (ADBF), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire (by purchase) approximately 19.3 miles of rail lines located in Lenawee County, MI, owned by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The lines to be acquired are as follows: (1) from east of Riga, MI, at the interchange with the Indiana and Ohio Railway, or its successor, north and west through Riga, Blissfield, Palmyra, Lenawee Junction, Grosvenor Junction, and Adrian, MI, to Porter Highway; (2) from Grosvenor Junction southwest approximately 1.7 miles; and (3) from Lenawee Junction north approximately .25 miles. The lines are described more specifically as follows: the Adrian Main Line Extension: (i) between milepost 315.5 (Interchange with Indiana & Ohio Railway at Riga) and milepost 321.0 (Grosvenor Junction); (ii) between Grosvenor Junction milepost 0.0 and milepost 1.7; (iii) between milepost 321.0 (Grosvenor Junction) and milepost 325.5 (Lenawee Junction); (iv) between Lenawee Junction milepost 0.0 and milepost 0.25; and (v) between milepost 325.5 (Lenawee Junction) and milepost 332.85 (Porter Highway). ADBF certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will

not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier, and further certifies that its annual revenues will not exceed \$5 million. ADBF currently operates over the lines.

The earliest the transaction could be consummated was October 25, 2000, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

If this 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. 33938, 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 Kenneth J. Bisdorf, 2301 West Big Beaver Road, Suite 600, Troy, MI 48084-3329.

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Decided: October 25, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary