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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33371]

Oil Creek and Titusville Lines - Meadville Division--

Operation Exemption

Oil Creek and Titusville Lines - Meadville Division (applicant), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to operate a 41.8-mile line of railroad extending between milepost 102.3 at Meadville and milepost 60.5 at Corry, in Erie and Crawford Counties, PA. The rail line had been abandoned by Consolidated Rail Corporation and will be acquired by the Northwest Pennsylvania Rail Authority (Authority) through condemnation proceedings under state law. Applicant will operate the line under an operating agreement with the Authority. See Consolidated Rail Corporation--Abandonment--Between Corry and Meadville in Erie and Crawford Counties, PA, Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1139) (STB served Feb. 10, 1997). The exemption became effective on March 11, 1997.

Any comments must be filed with the Board¹ and served on applicant's representatives: Richard R. Wilson, Esq., 1126 Eighth Avenue, Suite 403, Altoona, PA 16602 and Dearald W. Shuffstall, II, Esq., 201 Arch Street, Suite 200, Meadville, PA 16335-3432.

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1150.31. 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 automatically stay the transaction.

Decided: March 19, 1997.

By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director,
Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

¹ Due to the Board's relocation on March 16, 1997, any filings made after that date must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.