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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33460]

4 States Railway Service, Inc., d/b/a West Chester Railroad Co.—Lease and Operation
Exemption—Borough of West Chester

4 States Railway Service, Inc., d/b/a West Chester Railroad Co., a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to sublease and operate 6.405 miles of rail line from the Borough of West Chester (Borough)¹ between milepost 27.4 +/-, at Station 1386+06, in West Chester, Chester County, PA, and milepost 20.995+/, at Glen Mills Station, Glen Mills, Delaware County, PA.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after September 22, 1997.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to reopen the proceeding 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.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33460, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case

¹ The owner of the property is Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA). On December 31, 1996, SEPTA leased the line to the Borough for tourist railroad operations.

Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on John K. Fiorilla, Esq., Watson, Stevens, Fiorilla & Rutter, 390 George Street, P.O. Box 1185, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

Decided: September 30, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary