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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33392]

Southern Freight Logistics, LLC--Lease and Operation Exemption--Community Reuse

Organization of East Tennessee

Southern Freight Logistics, LLC (SFL), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease 7.0 miles of rail line from the Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee (CROET) between milepost 0.0, at Blair, TN, and milepost 7.0, near Oak Ridge, TN. In addition, SFL will lease 24 spur tracks, totaling approximately 7.5 miles, from CROET.¹

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after May 2, 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. 33392, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case

¹ SFL d/b/a Southern Freight Railroad will be the operator of the leased rail line.

Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Karl Morell, Esq., BALL JANIK, LLP, 1455 F Street, N.W., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

Decided: May 8, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary