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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33571]

Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Co.--Lease and Operation Exemption--Soo Line Railroad
Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway

The Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Co. (WSOR), an existing Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease from the Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR), and to operate a line of railroad known as the Waterloo Spur, extending from milepost 132.11 at Watertown, WI, to milepost 164.61 at Madison, WI, a total of 32.5 miles.

Pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.42(e), WSOR certified on May 7, 1998, that its annual revenues exceed \$5 million and that it has, as of March 20, 1998, served the national offices of the labor unions with a copy of a notice of its intent to undertake this transaction and posted such notice at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines on March 23, 1998.

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or after June 1, 1998.¹

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

¹ The date of consummation under normal circumstances would be July 6, 1998 (60 days after WSOR's certification to the Board that it had complied with the Board's rule at 49 CFR 1150.42(e)). The Board, in a concurrently issued decision in this proceeding, has at the request of WSOR waived, in part, the 60-day period to allow consummation on June 1, 1998.

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. 33571 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served upon Robert A. Wimbish, Rea, Cross & Auchincloss, Suite 570, 1707 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

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Decided: May 22, 1998.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary