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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33494]

South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc.—Operation Exemption—Oklahoma

Department of Transportation and Blackwell Industrial Authority

South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc., a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to operate approximately 35.3 miles of rail line owned by the State of Oklahoma by and through the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and Blackwell Industrial Authority (1) between milepost 34.3, at Blackwell, OK, and milepost 18.0+ 1712.9 feet, at the Oklahoma/Kansas state line near Hun Newell, KS, (2) between milepost 35.0+ 1848 feet, west of Blackwell, OK, and milepost 34.3, at Blackwell, OK, and (3) between milepost 18+ 1712.9 feet, at the Oklahoma/Kansas state line near Hun Newell, KS, and milepost 0+ 466.3 feet, at Wellington, KS.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or after October 16, 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. 33494, 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 Karl Morrell, Esq., Ball Janik LLP, Suite 225, 1455 F Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20005.

Decided: October 22, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary