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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33322]

Georgetown Railroad Company--Acquisition and Operation

Exemption--Missouri Pacific Railroad Company

Georgetown Railroad Company (GRR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate over approximately 8,338 feet of Missouri Pacific Railroad Company's (MP) line of railroad known as MP's ICC Track No. 11 in Georgetown, which extends from the terminus of GRR's line at milepost 0.0 (MP's former milepost 923.70) in Georgetown, to the east side of Church Street in Georgetown, at milepost 0.54; and MP's undivided one-half interest in ICC Track No. 48, extending from milepost 0.54 south and west 5,470 feet to a point connecting with GRR's line from Kerr, in Williamson County, TX.¹ GRR is also acquiring MP's undivided one-half interest in the 5,478-foot ICC Track No. 47, and a 120-foot

¹ This transaction involves GRR's acquisition and operation of a 1.58-mile segment of track connecting GRR's line from Kerr to Georgetown, TX, with a 16.32-mile line from Georgetown to Granger, TX, that GRR purchased from MP. Abandonment of the line was authorized in Missouri Pacific Railroad Company--Abandonment--in Williamson County, TX (Georgetown Branch), Docket No. AB-3 (Sub-No. 94) (ICC served Oct. 21, 1991).

section of Track No. 11, in Georgetown, but as these will be used as side tracks, no exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10902 is necessary, due to the statutory exemption for acquisition and operation of side tracks in 49 U.S.C. 10906.

The exemption was effective on December 20, 1996. The parties indicate that consummation of the transaction will occur within 90 days after the effective date of the exemption.

If the verified 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.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33322, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on: Betty Jo Christian, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

Decided: January 3, 1997.

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

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