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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Surface Transportation Board
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Nittany & Bald Eagle Railroad Company--Operation Exemption-Lines of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority.

Nittany & Bald Eagle Railroad Company (N&BE), a Class III rail common carrier, has filed a notice of exemption to operate 6.8 miles of lines owned by the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority (Authority): (1) between Tyrone (M.P. 0.0) and Vail (M.P. 3.0), in Blair County, PA; (2) between Mill Hall (M.P. 51.5) and Lock Haven (M.P. 54.3), in Clinton County, PA. In addition, N&BE will operate Authority's Mill Hall Industrial Track from milepost 13, in Castanea, PA, to milepost 14, in Mill Hall, PA

The earliest the transaction could be consummated was November 19, 1996, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1150.41. 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 filing of a petition to revoke will not stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to S.B. Finance Docket No. 33297, must be filed with the

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Surface Transportation Board, office of the Secretary. Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, CD 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on: Richard R. Wilson, Esq., Vuono & Gray, 2310 Grant Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Telephone: (412) 471-1800.

Decide: November 21, 1996.

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

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Secretary.

