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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

S.B. Finance Docket No. 332941

Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated--Trackage Rights Exemption--
Consolidated Rail Corporation

Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) has agreed to grant 1 limited overhead trackage rights to Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated (GTW) between the Conrail/GTW connection on Contrails North Yard Branch at CP-Vinewood (MP 3.1+), Detroit, MI, and the connection with GTW's existing rights over Conrail (pursuant to an agreement between the parties dated September 27, 1984), at the connection between Conrail and the Ann Arbor Railroad on Contrails Detroit Line, at Alexis, OH (MP 50.3+).

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after the November 28, 1996 effective date of the exemption. The purpose of the trackage rights is to attract to rail service certain automotive parts traffic moving between Detroit and Toledo by improving service and transit time.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.--Track e Rights--BN, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc. - Lease and Operated, 360 I.C.C. 6S3 (1980).

S.B. Finance Docket No. 33294

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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 ail pleadings, referring to S.B. Finance Docket No. 33294, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington,DC 20423.

In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Robert P. vom Eigen,

Esq., Hopkins & Sutter, 888 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

Decided: December 2, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary