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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33613]

Savannah Port Terminal Railroad, Inc.--Acquisition and Operation Exemption--Georgia Ports Authority and Savannah State Docks Railroad

Savannah Port Terminal Railroad, Inc. (SAPT), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire the exclusive easement over and operate approximately 23 miles of rail line (consisting of approximately 1 mile of common use tracks, and 22 miles of yard tracks, industrial leads, and other related trackage over which the Board might not have jurisdiction) owned by the Georgia Ports Authority (GPA).¹ The rail line involved in this acquisition transaction is located within the Garden City Terminal, Garden City, GA. The line is currently operated by Savannah State Docks Railroad (SSDRR). Following the acquisition transaction, SSDRR will permanently relinquish its right to operate as a common carrier railroad over the line.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or shortly after June 8, 1998.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33615, Genesee & Wyoming Inc.--Continuance in Control Exemption--Savannah Port Terminal Railroad, Inc. and Golden Isles Terminal Railroad, Inc., wherein Genesee & Wyoming Inc., has concurrently

¹ The rail lines are located within a terminal area and do not have designated mileposts. SAPT certifies that its projected revenues will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III railroad.

filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of SAPT upon its becoming a Class III rail carrier.

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 automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33613, 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 Eric M. Hocky, Esquire, Gollatz, Griffin & Ewing, P.C., 213 West Miner Street, P.O. Box 796, West Chester, PA 19381-0796.

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Decided: June 24, 1998.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary