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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33464]

Ashland Railway, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—CSX Transportation, Inc.

Ashland Railway, Inc., a Class III rail common carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate 25.85 route miles of rail line owned by the CSX Transportation, Inc. The track to be purchased, known as the Willard to Mansfield Line, extends from Mansfield, OH, milepost 61.07, to Willard, OH, milepost 86.92.

The transaction is expected to be consummated after the October 1, 1997 effective date of the exemption.

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 does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33464, 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 Richard R. Wilson, Esq., 1126 Eighth Avenue, Suite 403, Altoona, PA 16602.

Decided: October 8, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary