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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33352]

Southern Pacific Transportation Company--Trackage Rights
Exemption--Southern Gulf Railway Company

Southern Gulf Railway Company (SGR) will agree to grant trackage rights to Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPT) over its line of railroad from milepost 0.0 (SPT milepost 226.57) to milepost 4.28, a distance of 4.28 miles near Sulphur, LA.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on February 3, 1997.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to allow SPT rail access to the Roy S. Nelson Generating Station of Entergy Gulf States, Inc.

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.--Trackage Rights--BN, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc. - Lease and Operate, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it contains false or misleading information, the exemption is

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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. 33352, 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 Gary A. Laakso, Esq., Southern Pacific Transportation Company, One Market Plaza, Room 846, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Decided: February 5, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary