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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33492]

State of Oklahoma by and through the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and Blackwell Industrial Authority—Acquisition Exemption—Central Kansas Railway, L.L.C.

The State of Oklahoma, a noncarrier, by and through the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), and Blackwell Industrial Authority (BIA), also a noncarrier, have filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire separate segments of approximately 35.3 miles of rail line (lines) from the Central Kansas Railway, L.L.C. ODOT will acquire the segment of the line between milepost 34.3, at Blackwell, OK, and milepost 18.0+ 1712.9 feet, at the Oklahoma/Kansas state line near Hun Newell, KS. BIA will acquire the segments of the line (1) between milepost 35.0+ 1848 feet, west of Blackwell, OK, and milepost 34.3, at Blackwell, OK, and (2) between milepost 18+ 1712.9 feet, at the Oklahoma/Kansas state line near Hun Newell, KS, and milepost 0+ 466.3 feet, at Wellington, KS.

South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc., a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 in STB Finance Docket No. 33494, South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc.—Operation Exemption—Oklahoma Department of Transportation and Blackwell Industrial Authority to operate the lines.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or after October 16, 1997.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to reopen the proceeding 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. 33492, 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, Esq., Gollatz, Griffin & Ewing, P.C., 213 W. Miner Street, P. O. Box 796, West Chester, PA 19381-0796.

Decided: October 22, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary