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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33673]

Consolidated Rail Corporation—Operation Exemption—A Line of the State of New York

Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to operate railroad trackage owned by the State of New York, a noncarrier. The 10,000 feet of railroad track, known as the Oak Point Link, lies between a point of connection with the Metro-North Commuter Railroad's Hudson Line, in the vicinity of High Bridge, and connects with yard tracks of Conrail through the Harlem River Yard, located in New York, Bronx County, NY.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on October 12, 1998.

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. 33673, 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 John J. Paylor, Esq., Consolidated Rail Corporation, 2001 Market Street, 16A, Philadelphia, PA 19101-1416.

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Decided: October 16, 1998.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary