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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33344]

Grand Rapids Eastern Railroad, Inc.--Lease and Operation
Exemption--Coopersville and Marne Railway Company Line

Grand Rapids Eastern Railroad, Inc. (GRE), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease and operate approximately 6.94 miles of rail line owned and operated by Coopersville and Marne Railway Company Line (C&M),¹ a Class III rail carrier, between milepost 159.5 at Grand Rapids (Walker) and milepost 166.44 at Marne, in Kent and Ottawa Counties, MI.

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or after February 1, 1997.

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.

¹ C&M does not presently offer freight service over the line.

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An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33344, 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 Michael W. Blaszak, Esq., 211 South Leitch Avenue, LaGrange, IL 60525-2162.

Decided: January 31, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary