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SERVICE DATE - FEBRUARY 22, 2000

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

SUB-ORDER NO. R-851-D

The matter of prescribing depreciation rates for use in computing depreciation charges for railroads

Issued to

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has submitted revised life and salvage estimates and depreciation rates for equipment property of CSXT. Life and salvage analyses supporting the estimates were also supplied and have been given appropriate consideration.

The depreciation rates prescribed herein replace any rates previously prescribed for the subject property. CSXT must cease using its present rates, authorized or unauthorized, for the subject property and implement the rates prescribed herein retroactive to the effective date. **The railroad is prohibited from using any rates other than those prescribed herein. As stated in 49 U.S.C. 11143, a rail carrier may not:**

- (1) charge to operating expenses a depreciation charge on a class of property other than that prescribed by the Board;
- (2) charge another rate of depreciation; or
- (3) include other depreciation charges in operating expenses.

IT IS ORDERED:

- (1) CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) shall account for depreciation charges by applying to the ledger value of equipment property, owned and used in its operations, the annual component percentage rates shown herein.
- (2) The rates shall be effective from January 1, 1999, to December 31, 2001, or until further order of the Board. CSXT shall effect this retroactive application of rates by adjusting its 1999 annual accrual.
- (3) CSXT will continue to amortize over 10 years the variance between book accumulated depreciation and the calculated guideline for each subaccount.

DEPRECIATION RATES CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.		
A/C	ACCOUNT TITLE	DEPN RATE (%)
	LOCOMOTIVES	
52.01	Diesel - Yard	3.91
52.02	Diesel - Road	3.95
52.05	Spare Parts	3.91
	FREIGHT TRAIN CARS	
53.01	Box - Plain, 40'	3.61
53.02	Box - Plain, 50' and longer	3.68
53.03	Box - Equipped	4.15
53.04	Gondola - Plain	3.35
53.05	Gondola - Equipped	3.35
53.06	Hopper - Covered	3.48
53.07	Hopper - Open Top, General Service	3.90
53.08	Hopper - Open Top, Special Service	3.95
53.10	Refrigerator Cars - Nonmechanical	4.00
53.12	Flat Cars - Multi-level	3.00
53.13	Flat Cars - General Service	3.00
53.14	Flat Cars - Other	2.79
53.15	All Other Cars (excluding Cabooses)	3.19
53.16	Cabooses	4.09
53.17	Other (Racks, etc.)	4.68
	MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT	
58.01	Airplanes	5.42
58.02	Automobiles	10.25
58.03	Trucks	10.25
58.04	Other	7.00
58.05	Miscellaneous	8.36
59	COMPUTER SYSTEMS	14.29

Decided February 16, 2000, by the Surface Transportation Board's Accounting Board Members Aguiar, Asmuth, and Warren.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary