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May 13, 2011

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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief  
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Washington, DC 20024

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Re: Finance Docket No. 35509, *Cordele Intermodal Services Railroad, Inc. -- Acquisition and Operation Exemption -- Rail Line at East Industrial Park, Cordele, GA*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed please find an original and 10 copies of Verified Notice of Exemption Under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.31, for filing with the Board in the above referenced matter.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,800 for the filing fee.

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Very truly yours,

*Tom McFarland*

Thomas F. McFarland  
*Attorney for Applicant*

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RAILROAD, INC. -- ACQUISITION AND ) FINANCE DOCKET  
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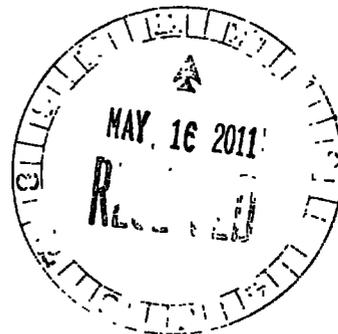
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Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.31, CORDELE INTERMODAL SERVICES RAILROAD, INC. (CISR), a non-carrier, hereby provides notice of its class exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 10901 for its acquisition and operation of a track at East Industrial Park, Cordele, GA.

**NATURE AND USE OF THE TRACK  
TO BE ACQUIRED AND OPERATED**

The track to be acquired and operated is approximately 1,500 feet in length (the 1500-foot Track). It is located in East Industrial Park, Cordele, GA. It connects to track of Heart of Georgia Railroad, Inc. (HOG) at HOG Milepost 664.5. It was recently constructed by CISR as a sidetrack or switching track for shipments originated or terminated in the Industrial Park.

CISR now proposes to provide common carrier rail service over the 1,500-foot Track in conjunction with use of the Track as an Inland Intermodal Center. Import and export traffic to or from the Port of Savannah would be transloaded from truck to rail or from rail to truck at CISR's Inland Intermodal Center. Transportation between Savannah and the Inland Intermodal Center would be by rail. Transportation beyond the Inland Intermodal Center primarily to the west and north thereof would be by truck.

Because CISR would hold itself out to serve the general public by rail over the 1,500-foot Track, an exemption from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10901 is required for CISR's acquisition of the Track as common carrier track and for its operation of that Track.

**INFORMATION REQUIRED BY 49 C.F.R. § 1150.33**

The following is furnished pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.33:

*(a) The full name and address of applicant;*

Applicant is Cordele Intermodal Services Railroad, Inc., P.O. Box 876, Cordele, GA 31010.

*(b) The name, address, and telephone number of the representative of the applicant who should receive correspondence;*

Applicant's representative who should receive correspondence is Thomas F. McFarland, Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., 208 South LaSalle Street, #1890, Chicago, IL 60604-1112, 312-236-0204.

*(c) A statement that an agreement has been reached or details about when an agreement will be reached;*

CISR has agreed to acquire the 1,500-foot Track and to operate it as common carrier trackage.

*(d) The operator of the property;*

The operator of the property will be CISR.

*(e) A brief summary of the proposed transaction, including:*

*(1) The name and address of the railroad transferring the subject property;*

The 1,500-foot Track is being transferred by CISR as sidetrack or switching track to CISR as common carrier track.

(2) *The proposed time schedule for consummation of the transaction;*

The transactions will be consummated no earlier than thirty days after the filing of this notice.

(3) *The mileposts of the subject property, including any branch lines; and*

The Rail Property is not described by Milepost numbers. It is located in East Industrial Park, Cordele, GA. It connects with Heart of Georgia Railroad, Inc. (HOG) at HOG Milepost 664.5.

(4) *The total route miles being acquired;*

A total of approximately 1,500 feet of track is being acquired and operated.

(f) *A map that clearly indicates the area to be served, including origins, termini, stations, cities, counties, and States; and*

The required print is attached to this notice as Appendix 1.

(g) *A certificate that applicant's projected revenues do not exceed those that would qualify them as Class III rail carriers.*

The required certification is attached to this notice as Appendix 2.

#### **VERIFICATION**

A verification is included in Appendix 2.

#### **CAPTION SUMMARY**

The required caption summary is attached as Appendix 3.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC CONSIDERATIONS**

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1105.6(c)(2) and 1105.7(b)(1), there is no requirement of environmental or historic reporting in conjunction with these notices. Applicant believes that the acquisition and operation of the 1,500-foot Track resulting from this notice will not have a significant adverse effect on the human environment nor on structures of historical significance.

**LABOR CONSIDERATIONS**

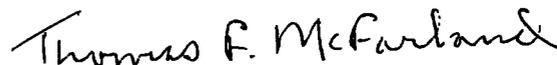
Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10901(c), the Board is prohibited from imposing labor protective conditions in conjunction with acquisition and operation of rail lines by non-carriers. Therefore, no such condition is to be imposed in conjunction with this notice of exemption.

WHEREFORE, notice of these notices should be published in the Federal Register within 16 days of filing.

Respectfully submitted,

CORDELE INTERMODAL SERVICES  
RAILROAD, INC.  
P.O. Box 876  
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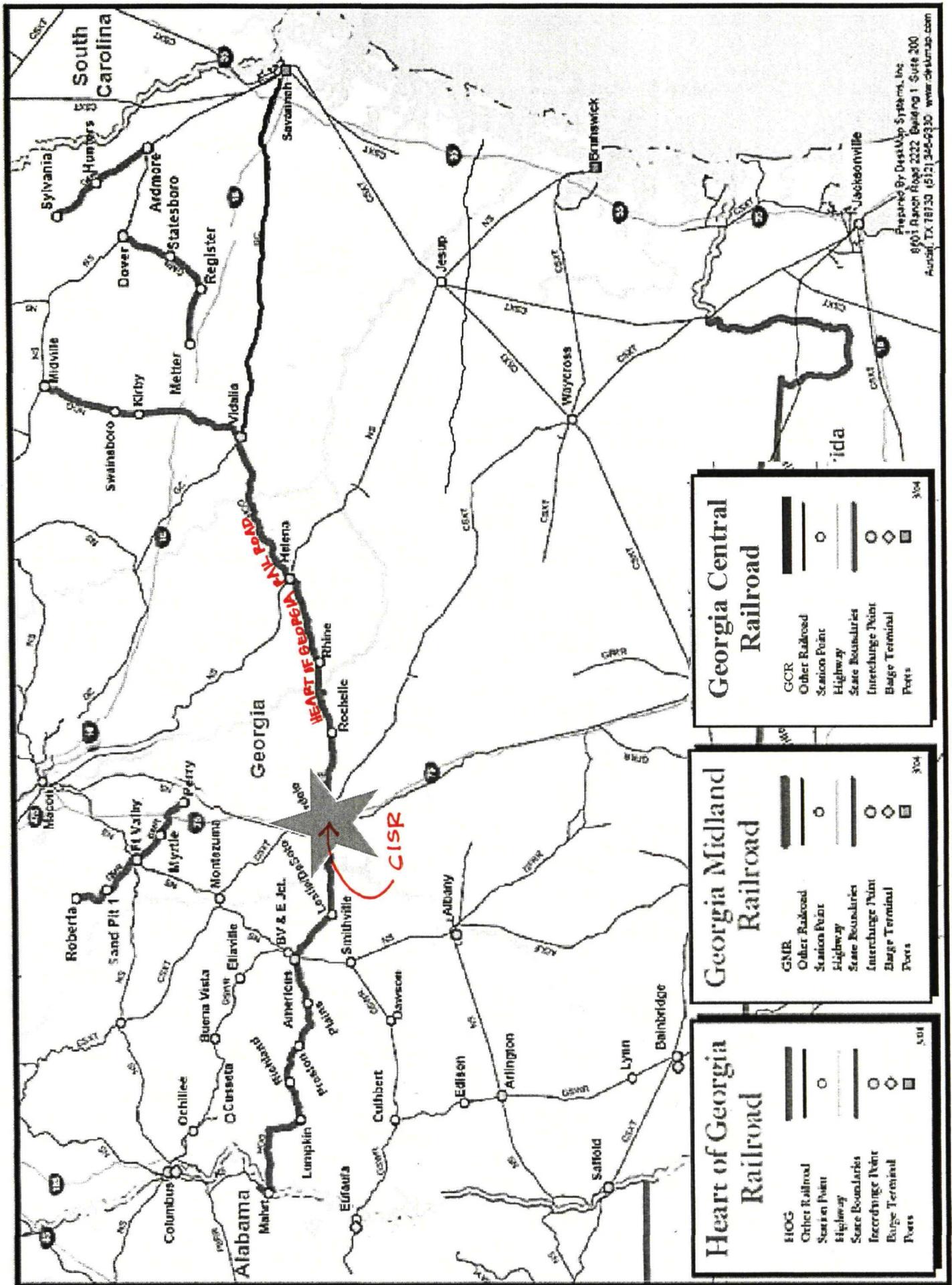
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CORDELE, GEORGIA



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Station Point	
Highway	
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Interchange Point	
Blaze Terminal	
Ports	

### Georgia Midland Railroad

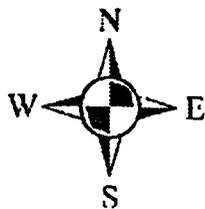
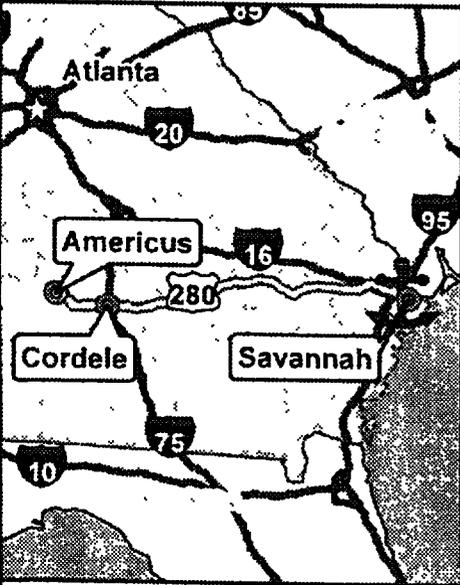
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### Heart of Georgia Railroad

HOG	
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VERIFICATION

STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
  ) SS:  
COUNTY OF COOK     )

THOMAS F. McFARLAND, being duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that he has read the foregoing notice, that he knows the contents thereof, and that the facts therein stated are true and correct. Thomas F. McFarland certifies that the projected revenues as a result of the proposed acquisition and operation will not exceed those that would qualify applicant as a Class III rail carrier.



Thomas F. McFarland  
THOMAS F. McFARLAND

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to  
before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of  
May, 2011.

Kathleen Lenihan  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 2/5/2014

**CAPTION SUMMARY**

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**Notice of Exemption**

STB Finance Docket No. 35509

*Cordele Intermodal Services Railroad, Inc.  
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Rail Line at East Industrial Park, Cordele, GA*

Cordele Intermodal Services Railroad, Inc. (CISR), a non-carrier, has filed a notice of class exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 10901 for CISR's acquisition and operation of the following rail property located at East Industrial Park, Cordele, GA: a track approximately 1,500 foot in length that connects with Heart of Georgia Railroad, Inc. at the latter's Milepost No. 664.5 (the 1,500-foot Track). That Track was recently constructed as sidetrack or switching track for shipments originated or terminated in the East Industrial Park. Upon acquisition and operation by CISR, the 1,500-foot Track will be used as common carrier track in conjunction with transloading of shipments from truck to rail or from rail to truck.

Comments must be filed with the Board and served on the representative of CISR, Thomas F. McFarland, Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604-1112, 312-236-0204.

The notice is filed under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.31. If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

By the Board