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Description: Application of Continental Micronesia, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Sections 41108 and 41102 and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for amendment to its certificate of public convenience and necessity for Route 171 authorizing Continental Micronesia to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Honolulu, Hawaii, and Sendai, Japan. Continental Micronesia also requests the right to combine this authority with its authority in other markets to the extent permitted by applicable bilateral agreements.

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Description: Application of Continental Micronesia, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Sections 41108 and 41102 and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for an amendment of its certificate of public convenience and necessity for Route 171 authorizing Continental Micronesia to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between the Territory of Guam and Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, on the one hand, and Niigata, Japan, on the other hand. Continental Micronesia also requests the right to combine this authority with its authority in other markets to the extent permitted by applicable bilateral agreements.

Docket Number: OST-96-1201.

Date filed: March 28, 1996.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: April 25, 1996.

Description: Application of Continental Micronesia, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Sections 41108 and 41102 and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for an amendment to its certificate of public convenience and necessity for Route 171 authorizing Continental Micronesia to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between the Territory of Guam and Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, on the one hand, and Okayama, Japan, on the other hand.

Docket Number: OST-96-1211.

Date filed: March 29, 1996.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: April 26, 1996.

Description: Application of Pan American Airways, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41102 and Subpart Q of the Regulations applies for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to engage in scheduled interstate air transportation of persons, property and mail.

Paulette V. Twine,

Chief, Documentary Services Division.

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Maritime Administration

[Docket S-935]

Weston Shipping Inc.; Application for Temporary Written Consent Pursuant to Section 506 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as Amended, For The Transfer Of The PRESIDENT HARRISON to the Domestic Coastwise Trade

Notice is hereby given that Weston Shipping Inc. (Weston), a U.S. company, by letter dated April 1, 1996, requests temporary written consent pursuant to section 506 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (Act), for transfer of the construction-differential subsidy built containership PRESIDENT HARRISON (Vessel) to the domestic coastwise trade commencing June 1, 1996, until November 30, 1996, a period of six months. The Vessel is currently under charter to American President Lines (APL). The purpose of this request, Weston adds, is to permit the Vessel to haul cargo from the United States to Puerto Rico.

According to Weston, the Vessel will be Jones Act eligible on November 30, 1996. Further, APL's bareboat charter will end on its own terms on July 31, 1996, and APL has advised Weston that it will not renew its charter. Given that fact, Weston advises that if consent is granted, it will attempt to immediately employ the Vessel in the Puerto Rico trade and terminate the remaining charter with APL. Weston contends, however, that if consent is not granted, it cannot financially afford to lay-up the Vessel until the Vessel becomes Jones Act eligible and therefore the Vessel will be scrapped on July 31, 1996.

It is Weston's view, however, that scrapping the Vessel would represent a further loss for the U.S.-flagged shipping industry. Weston believes that the Vessel has a good five to 10 years of useful life remaining and would provide full employment for at least 50 merchant mariners over that time period. Weston also believes that the Vessel would provide cost effective

interstate trade between the United States and Puerto Rico.

Any person, firm, or corporation having any interest in the application for section 506 consent and desiring to submit comments concerning Weston's request must by the close of business on April 23, 1996 file written comments in triplicate, to the Secretary, Maritime Administration, Room 7210, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The Maritime Administration, as a matter of discretion, will consider any comments submitted and take such action as may be deemed appropriate.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 20.800 Construction-Differential Subsidies (CDS)).

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: April 4, 1996.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary.

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. 74-40; Notice 9]

Insurance Cost Information

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.
ACTION: Notice of text and data for 1996 insurance cost information booklet.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the 1996 text and data that new car dealers must include in an insurance cost information booklet that they must make available to prospective purchasers, pursuant to 49 CFR 582.4. This information may assist prospective purchasers in comparing differences in passenger vehicle collision loss experience that could affect auto insurance costs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Orron Kee, Office of Market Incentives, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590 (202-366-4936).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 201(e) of the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act, 15 U.S.C. 1941(e), on March 5, 1993, 58 FR 12545, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) amended 49 CFR part 582, *Insurance Cost Information Regulation*, to require dealers of new automobiles to distribute to prospective customers information that compares differences in insurance costs of different makes and models of passenger cars based on differences in damage susceptibility. On March 17, 1994, NHTSA denied a petition

submitted by the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) for NHTSA to reconsider part 582 insofar as it requires new automobile dealers to prepare the requisite number of copies for distribution of the insurance cost information to prospective purchasers. 59 FR 13630. On March 24, 1995, NHTSA published a Final Rule to amend part 582 in a number of respects. 60 FR 15509.

Pursuant to 49 CFR 582.4, new automobile dealers are required to make available to prospective purchasers booklets that include this comparative information as well as certain mandatory explanatory text that is set out in section 582.5. Early each year, NHTSA publishes updated annual data in the Notices section of the Federal Register. Booklets reflecting the updated data must be available for distribution to prospective purchasers without charge within 30 days from the date of publication of the data in the Federal Register.

NHTSA has mailed a sample copy of the 1996 booklet to each dealer on the mailing list that the Department of Energy uses to distribute the "Gas Mileage Guide." Dealers will have the responsibility of reproducing a sufficient number of copies of the booklet to assure that they are available for retention by prospective purchasers by May 10, 1996. Dealers who do not receive a copy of the booklet within 15 days of the date of this notice should contact Mr. Orron Kee of NHTSA's Office of Market Incentives ((202) 366-4936) to receive a copy of the booklet and to be added to the mailing list.

The required text and data are as follows:

March 1996—Comparison of Differences in Insurance Costs for Passenger Motor Cars, Station Wagons/ Passenger Vans, Pickups and Utility Vehicles the Basis of Damage Susceptibility

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has provided the information in this booklet in compliance with Federal law as an aid to consumers considering the purchase of a new car. The booklet compares differences in insurance costs for different makes and models of passenger cars, station wagons/passenger vans, pickups, and utility vehicles on the basis of damage susceptibility. However, it does not indicate a vehicle's relative safety.

The following table contains the best available information regarding the effect of damage susceptibility on auto insurance premiums. It was taken from data compiled by the Highway Loss Data Institute (HLDI) in its December 1995 *Insurance Collision Report*, and reflects the collision loss experience of passenger cars, utility vehicles, light trucks, and vans sold in the United States in terms of the average loss payment per insured vehicle year for model years 1993–1995. NHTSA has not verified the data in this table.

The table presents vehicles' collision loss experience in relative terms, with 100 representing the average for all passenger vehicles. Thus, a rating of 122 reflects a collision loss experience that is 22 percent higher (worse) than average while a rating of 96 reflects a collision loss experience that is 4 percent lower (better) than average. The table is not relevant for models that have been substantially redesigned for 1996, and it does not include information about models without enough claim experience.

Although many insurance companies use the HLDI information to adjust the "base rate" for the *collision portion* of their auto insurance premiums, the

amount of any such adjustment is usually small. It is unlikely that your total premium will vary more than ten per cent depending upon the collision loss experience of a particular vehicle. If you do not purchase collision coverage or your insurance company does not use the HLDI information, your premium will not vary at all in relation to these rankings.

In addition, different insurance companies often charge different premiums for the same driver and vehicle. Therefore, you should contact insurance companies or their agents directly to determine the actual premium that you will be charged for insuring a particular vehicle.

Please Note: In setting auto insurance premiums, insurance companies mainly rely on factors that are not directly related to the vehicle itself (except for its value). Rather, they mainly consider driver characteristics (such as age, gender, marital status, and driving record), the geographic area in which the vehicle is driven, how many miles are traveled, and how the vehicle is used. Therefore, to obtain complete information about insurance premiums, you should contact insurance companies or their agents directly.

Insurance companies do not generally adjust their premiums on the basis of data reflecting the crashworthiness of different vehicles. However, some companies adjust their premiums for personal injury protection and medical payments coverage if the insured vehicle has features that are likely to improve its crashworthiness, such as air bags and automatic seat belts.

Test data relating to vehicle crashworthiness are available from NHTSA's New Car Assessment Program (NCAP). NCAP test results demonstrate relative frontal crash protection in new vehicles. Information on vehicles that NHTSA has tested in the NCAP program can be obtained by calling the agency's toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at (800) 424-9393.

COLLISION INSURANCE LOSSES, MODEL YEAR 1993–95 PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES *

Make	Model	Relative loss payment
Small Cars—Two Door Models		
Average for small two-door models		122
Volkswagen	Golf III	94
Saturn	SC	103
Geo	Metro	118
Hyundai	Accent	121
Toyota	Tercel	126
Volkswagen	Golf Cabriolet	127
Ford	Escort	131
Subaru	Impreza 4-wd	138
Toyota	Paseo	140

COLLISION INSURANCE LOSSES, MODEL YEAR 1993-95 PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES *—Continued

Make	Model	Relative loss payment
Mitsubishi	Mirage	144
Ford	Aspire	145
Mitsubishi	Eclipse	149
Eagle	Summit	151
Eagle	Talon	157
Hyundai	Scoupe	157
Nissan	240SX	192
Eagle	Talon 4-wd	201
Mazda	MX-3 Coupe	207

Four-Door Models

Average for small four-door models .....	.....	115
Volkswagen	Golf III	95
Subaru	Impreza 4-wd	102
Ford	Escort	104
Mercury	Tracer	112
Geo	Prizm	117
Toyota	Corolla	121
Hyundai	Accent	121
Subaru	Impreza	121
Volkswagen	Jetta III	128
KIA	Sephia	138
Ford	Aspire	138
Mitsubishi	Mirage	140
Hyundai	Elantra	144
Geo	Metro	157
Toyota	Tercel	157
Eagle	Summit	169

Station Wagons/Passenger Vans

Average for small station wagons/passenger vans .....	.....	81
Eagle	Summit	61
Mercury	Tracer	79
Ford	Escort	80
Subaru	Impreza 4-wd	94
Toyota	Corolla	109

Sports Models

Average for small sports models .....	.....	146
Mazda	MX-5 Miata convertible	92
Honda	Civic Del Sol convertible	123
Mercedes	SL Class convertible	133
Toyota	MR2	134
Dodge	Stealth	145
Chevrolet	Corvette	152
Chevrolet	Corvette convertible	155
Mitsubishi	3000 GT	156
Nissan	300ZX	184
Porsche	911 Targa	197
Porsche	968 Coupe	237
Nissan	300 ZX	245
Dodge	Stealth 4-wd	248
Porsche	911 convertible	254
Mitsubishi	300 GT 4-wd	309
Dodge	Viper convertible	612

Mid-Size Cars—Two-Door Models

Average for mid-size two-door models .....	.....	112
Buick	Regal	71
Saab	900	78
Oldsmobile	Cutlass Supreme	79
Oldsmobile	Cutlass Supreme convertible	79
Buick	Skylark	79
Chevrolet	Monte Carlo	85

COLLISION INSURANCE LOSSES, MODEL YEAR 1993-95 PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES *—Continued

Make	Model	Relative loss payment
Oldsmobile	Achieva	85
Pontiac	Grand Prix	86
Nissan	200SX	87
Pontiac	Grand Am	93
Chrysler	Sebring	99
Honda	Accord	103
Chevrolet	Beretta	109
Chrysler	LeBaron convertible	111
Toyota	Camry	113
Honda	Civic	117
Chevrolet	Cavalier	118
Plymouth	Neon	120
Dodge	Neon	121
Dodge	Avenger	127
Honda	Civic Coupe	132
Pontiac	Sunfire	136
Acura	Integra	143
Mazda	MX-6	146
Toyota	Celica	153
Ford	Probe	156
Honda	Prelude	167

Four-Door Models

Average for mid-size four-door models .....	.....	92
Chevrolet	Lumina	64
Oldsmobile	Cutlass Supreme	64
Buick	Regal	66
Mercury	Mystique	67
Buick	Century	71
Oldsmobile	Cutlass Ciera	72
Buick	Skylark	72
Dodge	Stratus	75
Pontiac	Grand Prix	76
Chrysler	Cirrus	77
Chevrolet	Cavalier	78
Ford	Contour	78
Toyota	Avalon	80
Ford	Taurus	81
Saturn	SL	82
Pontiac	Grand Am	82
Mercury	Sable	83
Dodge	Spirit	84
Oldsmobile	Achieva	86
Plymouth	Acclaim	87
Pontiac	Sunfire	89
Chevrolet	Corisica	89
Audi	90 Quattro	95
Nissan	Sentra	96
Dodge	Neon	97
Honda	Accord	97
Subaru	Legacy 4-wd	99
Mitsubishi	Diamante	101
Volkswagen	Passat	103
Nissan	Altima	105
Toyota	Camry	106
Mitsubishi	Galant	107
Plymouth	Neon	107
Honda	Civic	109
Subaru	Legacy	110
Mazda	Protege	112
Volvo	850	114
Lexus	ES 300	120
Infiniti	G20	122
Mazda	Millenia	122
Nissan	Maxima	125
Mazda	626	125
Saab	900	126
Acura	Integra	128
Hyundai	Sonata	132

COLLISION INSURANCE LOSSES, MODEL YEAR 1993-95 PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES *—Continued

Make	Model	Relative loss payment
Audi	90	146

Station Wagons/Passenger Vans

Average for mid-size station wagons/passenger vans .....	.....	82
Buick	Century	62
Oldsmobile	Cutlass Ciera	67
Saturn	SW	69
Ford	Taurus	75
Mercury	Sable	80
Mitsubishi	Diamante	82
Honda	Accord	88
Mitsubishi	Expo	89
Subaru	Legacy 4-wd	104
Toyota	Camry	106
Volvo	850	107

Sports Models

Average for mid-size sports models .....	.....	148
Saab	900 convertible	90
Ford	Mustang convertible	136
Pontiac	Firebird	147
Chevrolet	Camaro convertible	147
Ford	Mustang	152
Chevrolet	Camaro	156
Nissan	300ZX 2+2	199
Toyota	Supra	319

Luxury Models

Average for mid-size sports models .....	.....	148
Lincoln	Continental	52
BMW	5 Series station wagon	110
Mercedes	E Class convertible	112
Volvo	940/960 4-door	118
Cadillac	Eldorado	120
Volvo	940/960 station wagon	120
Mercedes	C Class 4-door	131
BMW	3 Series convertible	143
BMW	5 Series 4-door	159
Infiniti	J30	164
Mercedes	E Class 2-door	168
Lexus	GS 300	172
Audi	100/A6	174
BMW	3 Series 4-door	178
Saab	9000	184
BMW	3 Series 2-door	186
Lexus	SC300/400	192
Jaguar	XJ convertible	233
Jaguar	XJ2-door	237

Large Cars—Two Door Models

Buick	Riviera	67
Mercury	Cougar	85
Ford	Thunderbird	93

Four-Door Models

Average for large four-door models .....	.....	82
Average for large two-door models .....	.....	89
Ford	Crown Victoria	64
Mercury	Grand Marquis	71
Oldsmobile	Ninety-Eight	73
Oldsmobile	Eighty-Eight	76
Buick	LeSabre	79
Chrysler	Concorde	80

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Make	Model	Relative loss payment
Chevrolet	Caprice	83
Pontiac	Bonneville	84
Chrysler	New Yorker LH	86
Buick	Park Avenue	87
Dodge	Intrepid	89
Eagle	Vision	89
Buick	Roadmaster	96

Station Wagons/Passenger Vans

Average for large wagons/passenger vans .....	.....	68
GMC	Safari Van 4-wd	50
Honda	Odyssey	51
Chevrolet	Astro Van 4-wd	57
Chevrolet	Astro Van	60
GMC	Safari Van	61
Dodge	Caravan	63
Nissan	Quest	63
Plymouth	Voyager	65
Pontiac	Trans Sport	65
Dodge	Caravan 4-wd	66
Mercury	Villager	66
Chrysler	Town & Country	68
Chevrolet	Lumina APV	69
Ford	Windstar	74
Ford	Aerostar Van	74
Plymouth	Voyager 4-wd	77
Chrysler	Town & Country 4-wd	83
Oldsmobile	Silhouette	86
Toyota	Previa Van	88
Ford	Aerostar Van 4-wd	89
Buick	Estate Wagon	90
Chevrolet	Caprice	90
Toyota	Previa Van 4-wd	93
Mazda	MPV Van 4-wd	123
Mazda	MPV Van	124

Luxury Models

Average for Large luxury models .....	.....	116
Oldsmobile	Aurora	74
Lincoln	Town Car	84
Cadillac	DeVille 4-door	89
Chrysler	LHS	99
Cadillac	Seville	115
Lincoln	Mark VIII	117
Cadillac	Brougham	123
Acura	Legend 4-door	130
Mercedes	E Class station wagon	138
Lexus	LS 400	142
Mercedes	E Class 4-door	160
Infiniti	Q45	164
Mercedes	S Class LWB	167
Mazda	929	173
Mercedes	S Class SWB	175
Acura	Legend 2-door	179
Jaguar	XJ 4-door	194
Mercedes	S Class 2-door	275

Pickups—Small Pickups

Average for small pickups .....	.....	84
Ford	Ranger Series	68
Dodge	Dakota Series	69
Ford	Ranger Series 4-wd	79
Chevrolet	S10 Series 2-door	80
Dodge	Dakota Series 4-wd	80
Toyota	Tacoma Regular/extended cab 4-wd	82
GMC	S15 Series	83

COLLISION INSURANCE LOSSES, MODEL YEAR 1993-95 PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES *—Continued

Make	Model	Relative loss payment
Nissan	Regular/extended cab	84
Chevrolet	T10 Series 2-door 4-wd	85
Nissan	Regular/extended cab 4-wd	89
Isuzu	Regular/extended cab	93
Isuzu	Standard Bed 4-wd	98
Mitsubishi	Regular/extended cab	99
Toyota	Regular/extended cab 4-wd	106
Toyota	Regular/extended cab	108
Standard Pickups		
Average for standard pickups .....	.....	66
Ford	F-250	53
GMC	1500 Series	57
GMC	1500 Series 4-wd	57
Chevrolet	1500 Series 4-wd	59
Chevrolet	1500 Series	59
Ford	F-250 Series	61
Ford	F-350 Series	63
GMC	3500 Series	64
Dodge	Ram 3500 Series	66
GMC	2500 Series 4-wd	67
Ford	F-150 Series	68
Ford	F-150 Series 4-wd	69
GMC	3500 series 4-wd	70
Chevrolet	2500 Series	71
Chevrolet	2500 Series 4-wd	73
Ford	F-250 Series 4-wd	73
Chevrolet	3500 Series	76
Ford	F-350 Series 4-wd	76
Dodge	Ram 1500 Series	80
Chevrolet	3500 Series 4-wd	81
GMC	2500 Series	82
Dodge	Ram 1500 Series 4-wd	85
Dodge	Ram 2500 Series	91
Dodge	Ram 2500 Series 4-wd	94
Toyota	T100Reg/extended cab 4-wd	102
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Dodge	Ram 3500 Series 4-wd	144
Utility Vehicles—Small Utility Vehicles		
Average for small utility vehicles	92
Jeep	Wrangler	76
Suzuki	Samurai 4-wd	80
Suzuki	Sidekick 4-door	81
Suzuki	Sidekick 4-door 4-wd	85
Suzuki	Sidekick 2-door 4-wd	97
Suzuki	Sidekick 2-door	110
Geo	Tracker	117
Geo	Tracker 4-wd	121
Intermediate Utility Vehicles		
Average for intermediate utility vehicles .....	.....	88
Chevrolet	Tahoe 4-door 4-wd	54
GMC	Yukon 2-door 4-wd	55
Jeep	Cherokee 2-door 4-wd	58
Jeep	Cherokee 2-door	64
Chevrolet	Tahoe 2-door 4-wd	64
Ford	Explorer 4-door 4-wd	68
Jeep	Grand Cherokee 4-door	69
Chevrolet	T10 Blazer 4-door 4-wd	72
GMC	T15 Jimmy 2-door 4-wd	72
GMC	S15 Jimmy 4-door	73
GMC	T15 Jimmy 4-door 4-wd	75
Jeep	Cherokee 4-door 4-wd	78
Ford	Explorer 4-door	78
Jeep	Cherokee 4-door	79
Ford	Bronco	82

COLLISION INSURANCE LOSSES, MODEL YEAR 1993-95 PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES *—Continued

Make	Model	Relative loss payment
Jeep	Grand Cherokee 4-door 4-wd	86
Chevrolet	S10 Blazer 4-door	91
Ford	Explorer 2-door 4-wd	95
Ford	Explorer 2-door	96
Isuzu	Rodeo 4-door 4-wd	105
Isuzu	Rodeo 4-door	106
Toyota	4Runner 4-door Wagon	110
Honda	Passport 4-door 4-wd	114
Chevrolet	S10 Blazer 2-door	114
Nissan	Pathfinder 4-door	120
Chevrolet	T10 Blazer 2-door 4-wd	120
Nissan	Pathfinder 4-door 4-wd	120
Honda	Passport 4-door	121
Toyota	4Runner 4-door 4-wd	130
Mitsubishi	Montero 4-door 4-wd	134
Land Rover	Discovery	138
Land Rover	Range Rover LWB	223
Large Utility Vehicles		
Average for large utility vehicles .....	.....	63
GMC	Suburban 1500	42
Chevrolet	Suburban 1500	50
Chevrolet	Suburban 2500 4-wd	55
Chevrolet	Suburban 2500	55
GMC	Suburban 2500	60
Chevrolet	Suburban 1500 4-wd	60
GMC	Suburban 1500 4-wd	72
GMC	Suburban 2500 4-wd	75
Large Vans		
Average for all large vans .....	.....	65
Chevrolet	Astro Cargo Van 4-wd	47
Ford	E-150 Club Wagon	50
GMC	Safari Cargo Van	50
Ford	E-150 Econoline	60
Chevrolet	Chevy Van 20	61
Chevrolet	Astro Cargo Van	62
Ford	E-250 Econoline	63
GMC	Vandura 2500	67
Dodge	B250 Cargo Van	74
Dodge	Caravan Cargo Van	87
Chevrolet	Chevy Van 30	96
Ford	Aerostar Cargo Van	107

*Note: Every model represents over 1,000 insured vehicle years and at least 100 claims.

If you would like more details about the information in this table, or wish to obtain the complete Insurance Collision Report, please contact HLDI directory, at: Highway Loss Data Institute, 1005 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22201, Tel: (703) 247-1600.

(49 U.S.C. 32302; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50(f))

Issued on: April 4, 1996.

Patricia Breslin,

Acting Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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Surface Transportation Board ¹

[STB Finance Docket No. 32887]

Columbia & Northern Railway Co.— Lease and Operation Exemption— Marion County Railroad Authority

Columbia & Northern Railway Co. (C&N), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10901.

1150.31 to lease and operate approximately 28.78 miles of rail line owned by the Marion County Railroad Authority from milepost 94 at Columbia, Marion County, MS, to milepost 121.14 at Silver Creek, Lawrence County, MS.

The parties intend to consummate the proposed transaction on or about April 15, 1996.

This proceeding is related to *Pioneer Railcorp—Continuance in Control Exemption—Columbia & Northern Railway Co.*, STB Finance Docket No. 32886, wherein Pioneer Railcorp has concurrently filed a verified notice to continue to control C&N, upon its becoming a Class III rail carrier.