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Decided: August 22, 1996.

By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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Surface Transportation Board¹

[STB Finance Docket No. 33011]

Richard D. Robey—Continuance in Control Exemption—Lycoming Valley Railroad Company

Richard D. Robey (Robey), a noncarrier individual, has filed a notice of exemption to continue in control of Lycoming Valley Railroad Company (Lycoming), upon Lycoming's becoming a Class III rail carrier. Consummation was expected to occur on or after August 15, 1996.

Lycoming a noncarrier, has concurrently filed a notice of exemption in *SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority and Lycoming Valley Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Consolidated Rail Corporation*, STB Finance Docket No. 33010, to acquire approximately 38.0² miles of rail line owned by Consolidated Rail Corporation known as the Williamsport Cluster in the counties of Clinton and Lycoming, PA.

Robey controls seven other nonconnecting Class III rail carriers:³ North Shore Railroad Company; Nittany & Bald Eagle Railroad Company; Shamokin Valley Railroad Company; West Shore Railway Services, Inc.; Stourbridge Railroad Company, Inc.; Wellsboro and Corning Railroad Company; and Union County Industrial Railroad Company.

Robey states that: (1) Lycoming will not connect with any of the other railroads in its corporate family; (2) the continuance in control is not part of a

series of anticipated transactions that would connect Lycoming with any other railroad in its corporate family; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I railroad. The transaction therefore is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III railroad carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

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 will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33011, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423 and served on: Richard R. Wilson, Vuono & Gray, 2310 Grant Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

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[STB¹ Finance Docket No. 33008]

SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority and Juniata Valley Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Consolidated Rail Corporation

SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority (Authority) and Juniata Valley Railroad Company (Juniata), noncarriers, have filed a joint verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 for Authority to acquire through purchase and for Juniata to operate approximately 12.3²

miles of rail line owned by Consolidated Rail Corporation known as the Lewistown Cluster in Mifflin County, PA. Juniata will become a Class III rail carrier.³ Consummation was expected to occur on or after August 15, 1996.

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 will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33008, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423 and served on: Richard R. Wilson, Vuono & Gray, 2310 Grant Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

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[STB¹ Finance Docket No. 33010]

SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority and Lycoming Valley Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Consolidated Rail Corporation

SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority (Authority) and Lycoming Valley Railroad Company (Lycoming), noncarriers, have filed a joint verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 for Authority to acquire through purchase and for Lycoming to operate approximately 38.0 miles of rail line owned by Consolidated Rail Corporation known as the Williamsport Cluster in the counties of Clinton and Lycoming, PA. Lycoming will become a Class III rail carrier.² Consummation

³ This proceeding is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33009, wherein Richard D. Robey, a noncarrier individual, has filed a notice of exemption to continue in control of Juniata upon Juniata's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 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.

² This proceeding is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33011, wherein Richard D. Robey, a noncarrier individual, has filed a notice of exemption to continue in control of Lycoming upon Lycoming's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 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. 11323-24.

² Counsel has confirmed that the Williamsport Cluster consists of a total of approximately 38.0 miles.

³ Robey has concurrently filed a notice of exemption in *Richard D. Robey—Continuance in Control Exemption—Juniata Valley Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 33009.

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 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.

² Counsel has confirmed that the Lewistown Cluster consists of a total of approximately 12.3 miles.

was expected to occur on or after August 15, 1996.

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 will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33010, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423 and served on: Richard R. Wilson, Vuono & Gray, 2310 Grant Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

August 20, 1996.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-0748.

Form Number: IRS Form 2678.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Employer Appointment of Agent.

Description: 26 U.S.C. 3504 authorizes an employer to designate a fiduciary, agent, etc., to perform the same acts as required of employers.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 95,200.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Other (as necessary).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 47,600 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1398.

Form Number: IRS Form 9620 (formerly RNO 91819).

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Race and National Origin Identification.

Description: The Internal Revenue Service does not have a form for the collection of Race and National Origin Identification from applicants. This scanning form on its own and when combined with other IRS tracking forms (i.e., Form AA) will allow the Service to determine its applicant/employee pool, and thereby, enhance its recruitment plan.

Respondents: Individuals or households, Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 3 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Semi-annually, Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 2,500 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7340, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

August 23, 1996.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-0119.

Form Number: IRS Form 1099-R.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc.

Description: Form 1099-R is used to report distributions from pensions, annuities, profit-sharing or retirement plans, IRAs, and the surrender of insurance contracts. This information is used by IRS to verify that income has been properly reported by the recipient.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 350,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 16,535,774 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-0415.

Form Number: IRS Form W-4P.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments.

Description: Used by the recipient of pension or annuity payments to designate the number of withholding allowances he or she is claiming, an additional amount to be withheld, or to elect that no tax be withheld, so that the payer can withhold the proper amount.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 12,000,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping—40 minutes.

Learning about the law or the form—20 minutes.

Preparing the form—49 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 21,720,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-0795.

Form Number: IRS Form 8233.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Exemption From Withholding on Compensation for Independent (and Certain Dependent) Personal Services of a Nonresident Alien Individual.

Description: Compensation paid to a nonresident alien (NRA) individual for independent personal services (self-employment) is generally subject to 30% withholding or graduated rates. However, compensation may be exempt from withholding because of a U.S. tax treaty or personal exemption amount. Form 8233 is used to request exemption from withholding.

Respondents: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 480,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper: