

Surface Transportation Board**[Finance Docket No. 32974]****Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation, BNSF Acquisition Corp., and Burlington Northern Railroad Company—Control—Washington Central Railroad Company, Inc.**

On September 4, 1996, the Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) issued an environmental assessment in this proceeding and requested written comments regarding environmental concerns be submitted to the Board by September 24, 1996. SEA notifies all the parties that the comment period is extended 10 days. Comments must be received at the Board by October 4, 1996.

For further information, contact Dana White at (202) 927-6213 or Elaine Kaiser at (202) 927-6248, Section of Environmental Analysis, Room 3219, Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration, Surface Transportation Board, 12th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20423. TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.

By the Board, Elaine K. Kaiser, Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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Surface Transportation Board¹**[STB Finance Docket No. 33050]****Dubois County Railroad Corporation and Indiana Railway Museum, Inc.—Corporate Family Transaction Exemption**

Dubois County Railroad Corporation (Dubois) and Indiana Railway Museum, Inc. (Indiana) have filed a joint notice of exemption to undertake a corporate family transaction. Under the Assignment of Purchase Rights agreement, Dubois, a wholly owned Class III line rail carrier, will assign the rights it acquires from Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS)² to its parent

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. 11323.

² Dubois has concurrently filed a notice of exemption in *Dubois County Railroad Corporation—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Norfolk Southern Railway Company,*

Indiana, a noncarrier. Dubois will continue to operate the line.³ Consummation is expected to occur after the August 30, 1996 effective date but no later than December 31, 1996.

This is a transaction within a corporate family of the type specifically exempted from prior review and approval under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3). The transaction will not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or a change in the competitive balance with carrier operating outside applicant's corporate family. The purpose of the transaction is to enable Indiana to expand its historic preservation and educational mission while preserving rail service to shippers.

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. 33050, 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: Carl M. Miller, 618 Professional Park Drive, P. O. Box 332, New Haven, IN 46774-0332.

Decided: September 16, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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STB Finance Docket No. 33049, to acquire and operate 16.4 miles of rail line between milepost 46.9-EB at Huntingburg, IN, and milepost 63.3-EB at Dubois, IN.

³ Dubois states that it currently operates the rail line pursuant to a trackage rights agreement with NS that was the subject of a notice of exemption in Finance Docket No. 32323.

Surface Transportation Board¹**[STB Finance Docket No. 33049]****Dubois County Railroad Corporation—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Norfolk Southern Railway Company**

Dubois County Railroad Corporation (Dubois), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41: (1) To acquire (by initial lease and subsequent purchase) and operate a total of approximately 16.4 miles of rail line owned by Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) between milepost 46.9-EB at Huntingburg, IN, and milepost 63.3-EB at Dubois, IN. Dubois will operate the line.² Consummation of the initial lease part of the transaction was expected to occur on or about August 30, 1996, and consummation of the subsequent purchase part of the transaction is expected to occur on or about December 31, 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. 33049, 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: Carl M. Miller, 618 Professional Park Drive, P.O. Box 332, New Haven, IN 46774-0332.

Decided: September 16, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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² Dubois and Indiana Railroad Museum (Indiana) have concurrently filed a notice of exemption in *Dubois County Railroad Corporation and Indiana Railway Museum, Inc.—Corporate Family Transaction Exemption*, STB Finance Docket No. 33050, wherein Dubois seeks to assign the subject acquisition rights to Indiana.