

Number	Applicant	Parties to exemption
10938-P	Westvaco Fine Papers Division, Wickliffe, KY .....	10938
	Richmond, VA .....	
10938-P	Westvaco Fine Papers Division, Luke, MD .....	10938
	Richmond, VA .....	
10938-P	Westvaco Chemical Division, Charleston, SC .....	10938
	Richmond, VA .....	
10938-P	Westvaco Chemical Division, DeRidder, LA .....	10938
	Richmond, VA .....	
10949-P	PVS Transportation, Inc .....	10949
	Detroit, MI .....	
11043-P	Progressive Disposal Group, Inc .....	11043
	West Chester, PA .....	
11044-P	Chem-Tech, Ltd .....	11044
	Des Moines, IA .....	
11055-P	Environmental Transport Systems .....	11055
	Fargo, ND .....	
11156-P	D.C. Guelich Explosive Co .....	11156
	Clearfield, PA .....	
11207-P	Houston Lighting & Power Company .....	11207
	Houston, TX .....	
11294-P	Precision Industrial Maintenance, Inc .....	11294
	Scotia, NY .....	
11294-P	Progressive Disposal Group, Inc .....	11294
	West Chester, PA .....	
11296-P	Advanced Environmental Technical Services .....	11296
	Flanders, NJ .....	
11401-P	Frequency and Time Systems, Inc .....	11401
	Beverly, MA .....	
11454-P	PRIMEX Technologies, Inc .....	11454
	St. Marks, FL .....	
11602-P	Emerson Electric Co .....	11602
	St. Louis, MO .....	
11602-P	Adelanto Aluminum Co., Inc .....	11602
	Hesperia, CA .....	
11624-P	Resource Recovery Corporation .....	11624
	Tacoma, WA .....	
11624-P	Burlington Environmental dba Philip Environmental .....	11624
	Renton, WA .....	
11624-P	Belshire Environmental Services, Inc .....	11624
	Lake Forest, CA .....	
11624-P	Findly Chemical Disposal, Inc .....	11624
	Fontana, CA .....	
11725-P	National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA) .....	11725
	Greenbelt, MD .....	
11750-P	Allied Signal, Inc .....	11750
	Morristown, NJ .....	
11788-P	Trilla Steel Drum Corporation .....	11788
	Chicago, IL .....	

This notice of receipt of applications for modification of exemptions and for party to an exemption is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Hazardous Materials Transportations Act (49 U.S.C. 1806; 49 CFR 1.53(e)).

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J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,  
*Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.*  
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#### Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Exemptions

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** List of applicants for exemptions.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, exemptions from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR Part 107, Subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the applications described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular exemption is requested is indicated by a number in the "Nature of Application" portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 27, 1997.

**ADDRESS COMMENTS TO:** Dockets Unit, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590. Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the exemption application number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Dockets Unit, Room 8426, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC.

New Exemptions

Applica- tion num- ber	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
11789-N	Mallard Creek Polymers, Inc., Charlotte, NC.	49 CFR 174.67(i)&(j) .....	To authorize rail cars to remain attached to connectors during the entire unloading process without the physical presence of an unloader. (mode 2)
11790-N	U.S. Enrichment Corp., Be- thesda, MD.	49 CFR 172.302(c) .....	To authorize the transportation of uranium hexafluoride in non-DOT 5A specifications cylinders without required markings. (mode 1)
11791-N	The Coleman Co., Inc., Wichita, KS.	49 CFR 178.33(a) .....	To authorize the manufacture, mark and sale of non-DOT-Specification 2Q, inner non-refillable metal receptacles with alternative testing criteria and wall thickness. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4)
11793-N	Bilstein Corp. of America, San Diego, CA.	49 CFR 172.200-204, 172.300, 173.306(f)(2)(iii), 173.306(f)(3)(i), 174.24, 177.817.	To authorize the manufacture, mark and sale of gas-charged shock absorbers, cartridges, and struts containing compressed gas, for transportation in commerce as accumulators shipped without required labels, markings, shipping papers and testing requirements. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
11794-N	Countrymark Cooperative, Mt. Vernon, IN.	49 CFR 174.67(i)&(j) .....	To authorize rail cars to remain connected during unloading of certain hazardous materials without the physical presence of an unloader. (mode 2)
11795-N	Wellman Inc., Florence, SC .....	49 CFR 174.67(i)&(j) .....	To authorize rail cars to remain connected during unloading of Class 9 material without the physical presence of an unloader. (mode 2)
11796-N	Morton International Inc., Ogden, UT.	49 CFR 173.301(h), 173.302, 173.306(d)(3).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of a non-DOT specification cylinder which exceeds the quantity limitation exception for compressed gases at a volume of 7.50 in. to be used as a component of a hybrid air bag system. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
11797-N	Cryodyne Technologies, Radnor, PA.	49 CFR 173.201, 173.202, 173.203.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of non-DOT specification cylinders constructed of stainless steel for use in transporting Class 3 material. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4)
11798-N	Air Products & Chemicals Inc., Allentown, PA.	49 CFR 173.34(e)(15), 173.34(e)(15)(ii).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of DOT specification 3A or 3AA cylinders for use in transporting various gases classed in Division 2.1 (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
11799-N	Cryonix, Inc., Rockville, MD .....	49 CFR 173.196 .....	To authorize the transportation in commerce of alternative secondary packaging consisting of heat sealed, plastic sleeve, packed in small quantities with absorbent material to be transported inside commercial freezer, for use in transporting Infectious substances, Division 6.2 (mode 1)
11800-N	General Fire Extinguisher Corp., Northbrook, IL.	49 CFR 173.309 .....	To authorize the transportation in commerce of fire extinguishers, that exceed quantity limitation, for use in transporting liquefied compressed gas. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
1-11801-N	Wacker Silicones Corp., Adrian, MI.	49 CFR 172.301, 172.400, 173.212(c), 173.213.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of non-authorized packagings that are not properly marked or labeled for use in transporting Toxic Solid, Inorganic, n.o.s., Division 6.1 (mode 1)
11803-N	Process Engineering, Plaistow, NH.	49 CFR 173.319, 179.400	To authorize the transportation in commerce of various classes of non-flammable cryogenic liquids in DOT-113A60W tank cars. (mode 2)
11804-N	Advertising Unlimited, Inc., Red Wing, MN.	49 CFR 173.156, 173.184	To authorize an emergency exemption for the transportation in commerce of a safety kit containing two highway fusees, one tire inflator, and one fire extinguisher as a consumer commodity, ORM-D. (modes 1, 2)
11805-N	Persons represented by the NPGA, Washington, DC.	49 CFR 178.337-11(a)(1)(I) & (a)(1)(v).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain DOT Specification MC-330 and MC-331 cargo tanks, containing Propane, which do not meet the self-closing stop valve and excess flow valve requirements and to continue construction, certification, inspection and testing. (mode 1)
11806-N	Mississippi Tank Co., Hatties- burg, MS.	49 CFR 178.337- 11(a)(1)(I) & (a)(1)(v).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain DOT Specification MC-330 and MC-331 cargo tanks, containing compressed gases, which do not meet the self-closing stop valve and excess flow valve requirements and to continue construction, certification, inspection and testing. (mode 1)

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Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.

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## Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33310]

### Housatonic Railroad Company, Inc.— Corporate Family Transaction Exemption—Danbury Terminal Railroad Company

Housatonic Railroad Company, Inc. (HRRC)<sup>1</sup> and Danbury Terminal Railroad Company (DTRR),<sup>2</sup> Class III railroads, have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption. The exempt transaction is a merger of DTRR into HRRC.<sup>3</sup>

The transaction is expected to be consummated on December 31, 1996.

HRRC will assume operation of DTRR's rail lines and operating rights in the States of Connecticut and New York.<sup>4</sup> The proposed merger is intended to enable the merged carrier to provide more efficient service to shippers. The merger will also eliminate the significant administrative burden and expense associated with billing and accounting services.

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 parties state that the transaction will not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or a change in the competitive

balance with carriers outside the corporate family.

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 rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to reopen will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33310, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Edward J. Rodriguez, Esq., Housatonic Railroad Company, Inc., 67 Main Street, P.O. Box 298, Centerbrook, CT 06409.

Decided: December 18, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[STB Finance Docket No. 33308]

### Pittsburgh Industrial Railroad, Inc.— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Consolidated Rail Corporation and the Pittsburgh, Chartiers and Youghiogheny Railway Company

Pittsburgh Industrial Railroad, Inc. (PIR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate certain railroad lines of Consolidated Rail Corporation and the Pittsburgh, Chartiers and Youghiogheny Railway Company (PC&Y), a subsidiary of Conrail, located in Pennsylvania. The rail lines being acquired from Conrail are: (i) between milepost 0.0, at Char Jct., and milepost 2.5, at Carnegie (Canon Industrial Track); (ii) between milepost 0.5, near Carnegie, and milepost 20.4, at South Strabane Township (Canon Industrial Track); (iii)

between milepost 2.5, at Esplen Interlocking, and milepost 11.0, at Collier Township (Carnegie Secondary); (iv) between milepost 0.0, at Collier Township, and milepost 0.8, at Heidelberg Borough (Superior Industrial Track); and (v) between milepost 0.0, at Houston Borough, and milepost 1.0, at Chartiers Township (Westland Branch), for a total of 32.7 miles. The rail lines being acquired from PC&Y are: (i) between milepost 0.0, at McKees Rocks, and milepost 7.5, at Carnegie; (ii) between milepost 8.9, at Woodville Station, and milepost 10.3 at Collier Township; (iii) between milepost 0.0, at McKees Rocks, and milepost 6.5, at Neville Island (Neville Island Branch); and (iv) between milepost 0.0, at Collier Township, and milepost 0.6, at Collier Township (Painter's Run Branch), for a total of 16.0 miles. PIR also seeks to acquire incidental trackage rights over .80 miles of rail line owned by CSX Transportation, Inc., between milepost 1.7 and milepost 2.5 at Neville Island.

The purpose of these trackage rights are to connect the PC&Y's rail lines being acquired by PIR.

The parties intended to consummate the proposed transaction on December 6, 1996.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33309, *RailTex, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Pittsburgh Industrial Railroad, Inc.*, where RailTex, Inc. will continue to control PIR, upon it becoming a Class III rail carrier.

If the verified 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. 33308, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Karl Morell, Esq., Ball Janik LLP, Suite 225, 1455 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

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Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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<sup>1</sup> HRRC operates approximately 72.29 miles of track, of which approximately 36.25 miles are within the State of Connecticut and owned by the State of Connecticut, and of which approximately 36.04 miles are within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and owned by HRRC.

<sup>2</sup> DTRR operates approximately 89.1 miles of track, of which approximately 47.1 miles are located in the State of Connecticut and owned by Maybrook Railroad Company, and of which 42 miles are located in the State of New York and owned by Metro North Commuter Railroad. DTRR also holds approximately 10 miles of incidental overhead trackage rights over tracks owned by the State of Connecticut within the State of Connecticut.

<sup>3</sup> HRRC and DTRR are wholly owned subsidiaries of Housatonic Transportation Company.

<sup>4</sup> No ownership interests are transferred or otherwise affected by this transaction.