

Engineering, 99 Spring Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

CSX Transportation, Mr. E.G. Peterson, Assistant Chief Engineer, Signal Design and Construction, 4901 Belfort Road, Suite 130 (S/C J-370), Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) and CSX Transportation, jointly seek approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the traffic control system and associated approach signal, on the single main track, between Gulf Junction, milepost WG0.0 and Tams, milepost WG12.1, West Virginia, on the Gulf Winding Branch, NS Pocahontas Division. The proposed changes are associated with the removal of the rail at milepost WG0.0 and the complete branch from milepost WG0.0 to milepost WG29.3, will be out of service and inaccessible to train movements.

The reason given for the proposed changes is to eliminate facilities no longer needed in present day operation.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and contain a concise statement of the interest of the protestant in the proceeding. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.

All communications concerning this proceeding should be identified by the docket number and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PI-401, Washington, D.C. 20590-0001.

Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by the FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.—5 p.m.) at DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PI-401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590-0001. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FRA expects to be able to determine these matters without an oral hearing. However, if a specific request for an oral hearing is accompanied by a showing that the party is unable to adequately present his or her position by written statements, an application may be set for public hearing.

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Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From Requirements

Pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 235 and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), the following railroads have petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of the signal system or relief from the requirements of 49 CFR Part 236 as detailed below.

Docket No. FRA-2000-8104

Applicant: Union Pacific Railroad Company, Mr. Phil Abaray, Chief Engineer—Signals 1416 Dodge Street, Room 1000, Omaha, Nebraska 68179-1000.

Union Pacific Railroad Company seeks approval of the proposed modification of the traffic control system, on the two main tracks, near East Browder, Texas, milepost 214.9, on the Dallas Subdivision, consisting of the discontinuance and removal of leaving signals 2147 and 2149, at North Junction Control Point.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that the signals are redundant and only entering signals are used to control train movements. Removal of the leaving signals will simplify train operation and reduce possibility of confusing signals.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From Requirements

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Docket No. FRA-2000-8108

Applicant: Union Pacific Railroad Company, Mr. Phil Abaray, Chief Engineer—Signals, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 1000, Omaha, Nebraska 68179-1000.

Union Pacific Railroad Company seeks approval of the proposed modification of the traffic control system, on the two main tracks, near Lockwood, Texas, milepost 358.7, on the Terminal Subdivision, consisting of the discontinuance and removal of six controlled leaving signals at Tower 68.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that the signals are redundant and only entering signals are used to control train movements. Removal of the leaving signals will simplify train operation and reduce possibility of confusing signals.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33943]

Progressive Rail, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Canadian Pacific Railway

Progressive Rail, Inc., a Class III rail carrier has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) and operate CPR's Richfield Line located in Bloomington, Richfield and Minneapolis, MN. The track extends from Auto Club, MN, milepost 25.63, to end of track at Pleasant Avenue South and West 60th Street, Minneapolis, a distance of approximately 9.1 miles.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on December 1, 2000.

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 revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33943, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Mr. Dave Fellon, President, Progressive Rail, Inc., 21778 Highview Avenue, Lakeville, MN 55044.

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Decided: November 22, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33942]

USX Corporation—Control Exemption—Transtar, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323-25, the acquisition by USX Corporation of control of Transtar, Inc. and the following five rail carriers, which are currently owned by Transtar, Inc.: (1) The Birmingham Southern Railroad Company; (2) the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company; (3) the Lake Terminal Railroad Company; (4) the Union Railroad Company; and (5) the McKeesport Connecting Railroad Company, subject to the employee protection conditions in *New York Dock Ry-Control-Brooklyn Eastern Dist.*, 360 I.C.C. 60 (1979).

DATES: The exemption will be effective December 15, 2000. Petitions for stay must be filed by December 5, 2000. Petitions for reconsideration must be filed by December 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33942 to: Surface

Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of any comments to petitioners' representative: Richard J. Munsch, USX Corporation, 600 Grant Street, Room 1500, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2749

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph H. Dettmar (202) 565-1600 [TDD for hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: Da-to-Da Office Solutions, 1925 K Street, NW, Room 405, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 466-5530. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services 1-800-877-8339.]

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Decided: November 22, 2000.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Burkes, and Commissioner Clyburn.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Extension of General Program Test: Quota Preprocessing

AGENCY: Customs Service, Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the testing period for the quota preprocessing program, which allows for the electronic processing of quota-class apparel merchandise, is being extended through the year 2002. The test is being extended at the ports where quota preprocessing is currently being tested, but not being expanded to other ports at this time because of programming changes that have yet to be made to the Automated Commercial System. When the programming changes are completed, Customs will expand the program to all ports. Public comments concerning any aspect of the test are solicited.

DATES: The test is extended from January 1, 2001, until December 31, 2002, with evaluations of the test occurring periodically. Applications to participate in the test and comments concerning the test will continue to be accepted throughout the testing period.