

TNR seeks to acquire, lease and operate a rail line from Alabama & Florida Railway Company.

At the time it filed this notice, GORH owned and controlled seven existing Class III rail carriers: Gulf & Ohio Railways, Inc., which operates in Northwestern Mississippi under the trade name Mississippi Delta Railroad (MSDR);¹ Knoxville & Holston River Railroad Co., Inc., which operates in East Tennessee; Laurinburg & Southern Railroad Co., Inc., which operates in North Carolina; Lexington & Ohio Railroad Co., Inc., which operates in North Central Kentucky; Piedmont & Atlantic Railroad, Inc., which operates in Northwestern North Carolina under the trade name of Yadkin Valley Railroad; Rocky Mount & Western Railroad Co., Inc., which operates in Central North Carolina; and Wiregrass Central Railroad Company, Inc., which operates in Southeastern Alabama. Claussens, who wholly own GORH, also own and control H&S Railroad, Inc., which operates in Alabama.

GORH and the Claussens state that: (1) The railroads do not connect with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; (2) the continuance-in-control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the eight railroads with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction 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 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 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. 33982, 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 Troy W. Garris, Weiner Brodsky Sidman & Kider, PC, 1300 19th Street, NW., Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1609.

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Decided: June 22, 2001.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Secretary

List of Countries Requiring Cooperation With an International Boycott

In order to comply with the mandate of section 999(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Department of the Treasury is publishing a current list of countries which may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

On the basis of the best information currently available to the Department of the Treasury, the following countries may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986):

Bahrain,
Iraq,
Kuwait,
Lebanon,
Libya,
Oman,
Qatar,

Saudi Arabia,
Syria,
United Arab Emirates,
Yemen, Republic of.

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Barbara Angus,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

[Notice No. 920]

The Gang Resistance Education and Training Program: Availability of Financial Assistance, Criteria and Application Procedures

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds for financial assistance to State and local law enforcement agencies providing or desiring to provide the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program, intended funding priorities, and application procedures.

SUMMARY: Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) intends to enter into cooperative agreements with State and local law enforcement agencies to assist them in providing the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program. This notice also sets forth the intended funding priorities and the criteria and application procedures that ATF will use to select and award State and local law enforcement agencies Federal funds to provide the G.R.E.A.T. Program.

DATES: Applications must be received on or before September 7, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send applications to G.R.E.A.T. Branch; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; 800 K Street, NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20001; *ATTN: Notice No. 920.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Scott, G.R.E.A.T. Branch; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; 800 K Street, NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20001 (1-800-726-7070); or by sending electronic mail (E-mail) to: Great@atfhq.atf.treas.gov, or visit the G.R.E.A.T. website at www.atf.treas.gov/great/index.htm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

G.R.E.A.T. is a gang prevention program designed to educate the youth

¹ The line is the subject of a petition for exemption in *County of Coahoma, Mississippi—Abandonment Exemption—in Tallahatchie and Coahoma Counties, MS*, STB Docket No. AB-579X, and *Gulf & Ohio Railways, Inc., d/b/a Mississippi Delta Railroad—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Tallahatchie and Coahoma Counties, MS*, STB Docket No. AB-580X, that was granted by the Board by decision served June 15, 2001. In that decision, the Board approved the abandonment and discontinuance of service over the County of Coahoma's 51.06-mile rail line consisting of: (1) The 18.6-mile Lula Segment between milepost 55.40 near Lula and milepost 74.00 near Lyon, MS; and (2) the 32.46-mile Swan Lake Line between milepost 74.00 near Lyon and milepost 79.00 near Clarksdale, MS, and between milepost 76.54 near Clarksdale and milepost 104.00 at Swan Lake. The Board also approved the discontinuance of both incidental overhead trackage rights and the lease operating rights over 1.39 miles of an Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) rail line between milepost 104.00 and the connection with IC's main line at milepost 105.39. This discontinuance involves MSDR's entire railroad operation.