

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration****Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council**

**ACTION:** National Advisory Council public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration announces that the Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council (MTSNAC) will hold a meeting to discuss the Council's White Paper, MTSNAC Web Site, Economic Impact Project, Team Reports, and other issues. A public comment period is scheduled for 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. To provide time for as many people to speak as possible, speaking time for each individual will be limited to three minutes. Members of the public who would like to speak are asked to contact Raymond Barberesi by January 31, 2001. Commenters will be placed on the agenda in the order in which notifications are received. If time allows, additional comments will be permitted. Copies of oral comments must be submitted in writing at the meeting. Additional written comments are welcome and must be filed by February 9, 2001.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, February 2, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Westin Francis Marion Hotel, 387 King Street, Charleston, SC 29403. The hotel's phone number is (843) 722-0600.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Raymond Barberesi, (202) 366-4357; Maritime Administration, MAR 830, Room 7201, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590; Raymond.Barberesi@marad.dot.gov.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. App 2, Sec. 9(a)(2); 41 CFR 101-6. 1005; DOT Order 1120.3B)

Dated: January 9, 2001.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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individuals (applicants), have filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of the SCTRR, LLC (SCTRR), a limited liability company, after it acquires the operating authority on the Centerville Branch between Dickson and Hohenwald, TN.

According to the verified notice of exemption, the parties expected SCTRR to purchase the right to operate over the Centerville Branch after approval or exemption of that transaction. The earliest the transaction could have been consummated was January 2, 2001, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33986, *SCTRR, LLC—Operation Exemption—South Central Tennessee Railroad Corp.*, wherein SCTRR will acquire the operating authority on the Centerville Branch from the South Central Tennessee Railroad Corp.

Applicants own a controlling interest in South Central Rail Group, Inc., which controls the West Tennessee Railroad Corp., which operates the West Tennessee Railroad line in the State of Tennessee, and the IRW Railway, LLC, which holds title to the West Tennessee Railroad line. Applicants, through South Central Rail Group, Inc., also own a controlling interest in the Tennken Railroad Corp., which operates in the States of Tennessee and Kentucky. According to applicants, the three railroads do not connect and there are no plans to connect them. 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. 33987, 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 John F. McHugh, Esq., McHugh & Barnes, P.C., 20 Exchange Place, New York, NY 10005.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "www.stb.dot.gov."

Decided: January 5, 2001.

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. 33986]

**SCTRR, LLC—Operation Exemption—South Central Tennessee Railroad Corp.**

SCTRR, LLC (SCTRR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire the operating authority on the Centerville Branch between milepost 1, at Colesbury Yard, Dickson, TN, and the end of the track at milepost 52, at Hohenwald, TN, a distance of about 52 miles (line). Approximately 49 miles of the line is owned by the South Central Tennessee Railroad Authority (Authority) and 2.8 miles of the line is owned by CSX Transportation, Inc.<sup>1</sup>

According to the verified notice of exemption, the parties intended to acquire the operating authority after approval or exemption of the transaction, with operating responsibility to be transferred in mid-January 2001. The earliest the exemption could have been consummated was January 2, 2001, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33987, *Henry G. Hohorst, Bruce Hohorst, Joan D. Hohorst, and Anthony M. Linn—Continuance in Control Exemption—SCTRR, LLC*, wherein Henry G. Hohorst, Bruce Hohorst, Joan D. Hohorst, and

<sup>1</sup> The line is currently operated by the South Central Tennessee Railroad Corp. pursuant to an operating agreement with Authority. The South Central Rail Management, LLC, as agent for SCTRR, has entered into an agreement with South Central Tennessee Railroad Corp. and its parent, Rail America, Inc., to purchase the operating authority. SCTRR will replace South Central Tennessee Railroad Corp. as the operator of the line. Authority will maintain title to that portion of the land and track it currently owns.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 33987]

**Henry G. Hohorst, Bruce Hohorst, Joan D. Hohorst, and Anthony M. Linn—Continuance in Control Exemption—SCTRR, LLC**

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