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Director, Office of Airline Information.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub-No. 5)
(2009-1)]

Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

SUMMARY: The Board has approved the first quarter 2009 rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. The first quarter 2009 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.022. The first quarter 2009 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.467. The first quarter 2009 RCAF-5 is 0.442.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 1, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pedro Ramirez, (202) 245-0333. (Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's decision, which is available on our Web site <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Decided: December 18, 2008.

By the Board, Chairman Nottingham, Vice Chairman Mulvey, and Commissioner Buttrey.

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35208]

Winamac Southern Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—A. & R. Line, Inc.

Pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement,¹ A. & R. Line, Inc. (A&R) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Winamac Southern Railway Company (WSRY) between milepost 71.5 at or near Van and milepost 74.5 at or near Logansport, a distance of approximately 3.0 miles in Cass County, IN.²

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is January 10, 2009, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the exemption was filed).

The purpose of the trackage rights is to achieve operating economies and to improve rail service by making operations by WSRY more efficient.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). 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 effectiveness of the exemption. Stay petitions must be filed by January 2, 2009 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

¹ A redacted version of the trackage rights agreement was filed with the notice of exemption.

² The involved line was acquired by A&R from WSRY in *A. & R. Line, Inc.—Acquisition Exemption—Winamac Southern Railway Company*, Finance Docket No. 32694 (ICC served July 6, 1995). However, WSRY continued to operate the line, as well as its connecting lines. Although WSRY and A&R entered into a trackage rights agreement for WSRY to conduct operations over the line, through oversight no Interstate Commerce Commission or Surface Transportation Board approval of the trackage rights was ever sought. According to WSRY, WSRY's operations under the trackage rights agreement have continued for 13 years and, in the interim, Central Railroad Company of Indianapolis took over the operations of WSRY, as WSRY's agent, and A&R was taken over by Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway Corporation. WSRY states that this filing was made to remedy the prior oversight.

In a revised notice of exemption filed on December 17, 2008 in STB Finance Docket No. 35205, *US Rail Corporation—Lease and Operation Exemption—Winamac Southern Railway Company and Kokomo Grain Co., Inc.*, US Rail Corporation seeks to acquire the trackage rights involved in this transaction.

Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Pub. L. 110-161, § 193, 121 Stat. 1844 (2007), nothing in this decision authorizes the following activities at any solid waste rail transfer facility: collecting, storing or transferring solid waste outside of its original shipping container; or separating or processing solid waste (including baling, crushing, compacting and shredding). The term "solid waste" is defined in section 1004 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. 6903.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35208, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas F. McFarland, 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "<http://www.stb.dot.gov>."

Decided: December 18, 2008.

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

Kulunie L. Cannon,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Open Meeting of the Financial Literacy and Education Commission

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the sixteenth meeting of the Financial Literacy and Education Commission, established by the Financial Literacy and Education Improvement Act (Title V of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003).

DATES: The sixteenth meeting of the Financial Literacy and Education Commission will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2009, beginning at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The Financial Literacy and Education Commission meeting will be held in the Cash Room at the Department of the Treasury, located at 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220. To be cleared for admittance to the Treasury building, attendees must RSVP with their name as shown on a government-issued ID, organization represented (if any), phone number, date of birth, Social Security number and country of citizenship. This information can be provided in an e-mail to the Treasury Department at FLECrsvp@do.treas.gov or by a

telephone voice message at (202) 622-1783 (not a toll-free number) no later than 12 noon (EST) Thursday, January 8, 2009. For admittance to the Treasury building on the day of the meeting, attendees must present a government-issued ID, such as a driver's license or passport, which includes a photo and date of birth.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, contact Tom Kurek by e-mail at thomas.kurek@do.treas.gov or by telephone at (202) 622-0204 (not a toll free number). Additional information regarding the Financial Literacy and Education Commission and the Department of the Treasury's Office of Financial Education may be obtained through the Office of Financial Education's Web site at <http://www.treas.gov/financialeducation>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Financial Literacy and Education

Improvement Act, which is Title V of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 (the "FACT Act") (Pub. L. 108-159), established the Financial Literacy and Education Commission (the "Commission") to improve the financial literacy and education of persons in the United States. The Commission is composed of the Secretary of the Treasury and the heads of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Office of Thrift Supervision, the Federal Reserve, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the National Credit Union Administration, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Departments of Education, Agriculture, Defense, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Labor, and Veterans Affairs, the Federal Trade Commission, the General Services Administration, the Small Business Administration, the Social Security

Administration, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and the Office of Personnel Management. The Commission is required to hold meetings that are open to the public every four months. The FACT Act was enacted on December 4, 2003.

The sixteenth meeting of the Commission, which will be open to the public, will be held in the Cash Room at the Department of the Treasury, located at 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220. The room will accommodate 80 members of the public. Seating is available on a first-come, first-seated basis. Participation in the discussion at the meeting will be limited to Commission members, their staffs, and special guest presenters.

Dated: December 18, 2008.

Lindsay Valdeon,

Deputy Executive Secretary.

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