

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 Eric M. Hockey, Esq., Gollatz, Griffin & Ewing, P.C., 213 West Miner Street, PO Box 796, West Chester, PA 19381-0796.

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Decided: January 2, 2002.

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. 34137]

Chicago SouthShore & South Bend Railroad—Trackage Rights Exemption—National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK)

National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK), has agreed to grant local trackage rights to Chicago SouthShore & South Bend Railroad (CSS&SB). The trackage rights extend over approximately 2.7 miles of track from the turnout at approximately milepost 226.1 to the industrial lead at approximately milepost 228.8, all in or near Michigan City, IN.¹

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after December 28, 2001, the effective date of the exemption.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to enhance competition and to enable CSS&SB to provide service to two current customers on the line and other customers who locate on the line in the future.

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 it contains false or

¹ A redacted version of the Trackage Rights Agreement between AMTRAK, and CSS&SB (agreement) was filed with the verified notice of exemption. An unredacted version of the agreement, as required by 49 CFR 1180.6(a)(7)(ii), was concurrently filed under seal along with the motion for a protective order. This motion was granted in a separate decision served in this proceeding on January 7, 2002.

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. 34137, 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, one copy of each pleading must be served on Troy W. Garris, Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, Fifth Floor, 1300 19th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036-1609.

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Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34159]

Patapsco & Back Rivers Railroad LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Patapsco & Back Rivers Railroad Company

Patapsco & Back Rivers Railroad LLC (Applicant), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate a 183-mile rail line in Baltimore County, MD,¹ owned by its corporate affiliate Patapsco & Back River Railroad Company (Patapsco).²

This transaction is related to *Bethlehem Steel Corporation—Corporate Family Transaction Exemption*, STB Finance Docket No. 34142 (STB served Jan. 10, 2002), through which Patapsco is to be merged into Applicant. The separate existence of Patapsco will cease and Applicant will be the surviving entity and continue the operations formerly provided by Patapsco.

The transaction was expected to be consummated as of January 1, 2002. Applicant states that its revenues are expected to exceed \$5,000,000 per year. Under 49 CFR 1150.32(e), “If the

¹ Applicant states that the rail line is composed of yard and switching tracks and does not have assigned mileposts.

² Both Applicant and Patapsco are wholly owned subsidiaries of Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

projected annual revenue of the rail lines to be acquired or operated, together with the acquiring carrier’s projected annual revenue, exceeds \$5 million, the applicant must, at least 60 days before the exemption becomes effective, post a notice of applicant’s intent to undertake the proposed transaction at the workplace of the employees on the affected line(s) and serve a copy of the notice on the national offices of the labor unions setting forth the types and numbers of jobs expected to be available, the terms of employment and principles of employee selection, and the lines that are to be transferred, and certify to the Board that it has done so.” When Applicant filed its verified notice of exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 34159, it simultaneously filed a request for a waiver of the requirements of 49 CFR 1150.32(e) to permit the exemption to become effective without providing the 60-day advance notice. Finding no adverse impact on the personnel of Patapsco, by decision served on December 27, 2001, the Board granted Applicant’s request and waived the requirements of 49 CFR 1150.32(e). That decision had the effect of making the exemption in this proceeding effective on December 27, 2001.

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. 34159, 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 Eric M. Hockey, Esq., Gollatz, Griffin & Ewing, P.C., 213 West Miner Street, PO Box 796, West Chester, PA 19381-0796.

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