

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. 34355]

Mississippi Tennessee Holdings, LLC and Mississippi Tennessee Railroad, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Rail Line of Mississippi & Tennessee Railnet, Inc., Between Houston, MS, and Middleton, TN, in Chickasaw, Pontotoc, Union and Tippah Counties, MS, and Hardeman County, TN

Mississippi Tennessee Holdings, LLC (MTH) and Mississippi Tennessee Railroad, LLC (MTR), noncarriers, have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate an 87.7-mile line of the Mississippi Tennessee Railnet, Inc. (Railnet), extending between milepost GG 281.0 at Houston, in Chickasaw, Pontotoc, Union and Tippah Counties, MS, and milepost GG 368.7 at Middleton in Hardeman County, TN.¹

MTH and MTR certify that MTR's projected annual revenues will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and that its annual revenues are not projected to exceed \$5 million.²

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after May 27, 2003 (7 days after the notice was filed).

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. 34355, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas F. McFarland, 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604-1194.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: June 5, 2003.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Task Force; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Task Force will be held on Monday, June 23, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Tuesday, June 24, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Room 230, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Task Force is to conduct an independent review of the VR&E program within the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). The Task Force will provide recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on improving the Department's ability to provide comprehensive services and assistance to veterans with service-connected disabilities and employment handicaps in becoming employable, and obtaining

and maintaining suitable employment. The Task Force will also assess independent living services provided by VBA.

On June 23, VBA officials will make presentations on independent living services, self-employment program, and employment placement services. There will be a panel discussion with VA Regional Office Directors on the status of VR&E programs. The Small Business Administration and VA Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization will provide comment on self-employment opportunities for disabled veterans. On June 24, presentations will be made by the United States Postal Service, AFL-CIO, National Council on Independent Living, and National Organization on Disability with a focus on employment of disabled persons. The Task Force will be briefed by VBA on the G.I. Bill. The Task Force will hear remarks from senior officials from the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education on employing individuals with disabilities. The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities will also provide comment.

No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. Interested parties who wish to attend the meeting should have adequate identification for entry into the building and will be subject to a security screening process. Members of the public may submit written comments for review by the Committee to: Mr. John O'Hara, Executive Director, VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Task Force, VA Office of Policy, Planning, and Preparedness (008B), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Mr. O'Hara can be reached at (202) 273-5130; fax number (202) 273-5991 and e-mail address john.o'hara@mail.va.gov.

Dated: June 4, 2003.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riffin,

Committee Management Officer.

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¹ This proceeding is related to STB Finance Docket No. 34356, *Gregory B. Cundiff, Connie Cundiff, CGX, Inc., and Ironhorse Resources, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Mississippi Tennessee Holdings, LLC and Mississippi Tennessee Railroad, LLC*, wherein Gregory B. Cundiff, Connie Cundiff, CGX, Inc., and Ironhorse Resources, Inc., have concurrently filed a notice of exemption to continue in control of MTH and MTR upon their becoming rail carriers.

² MTR will be the operator of the line.