

lanes); Short Alternative (bypass of Avondale Borough only); and Long Alternative (bypass of Avondale Borough and Chatham Village). These alternatives will be the basis for recommendation of alternatives to be carried forward for detailed environmental and engineering studies in the EIS.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed action are addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Letters describing the proposed actions and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate federal, state and local agencies and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to FHWA or PennDOT at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board¹

[STB Finance Docket No. 33669]

The Indiana Rail Road Company; Trackage Rights Exemption; Monon Rail Preservation Corporation

Monon Rail Preservation Corporation (Monon), a Class III rail carrier, has agreed to grant local trackage rights to The Indiana Rail Road Company (INRD), a Class III rail carrier, over its rail line between milepost Q217.67 at Hunters, IN, and MP Q213.41 at Ellettsville, IN, a distance of 4.26 miles.

The transaction is scheduled to become effective immediately upon consummation of the transaction in STB Finance Docket No. 33668, which is scheduled to take place on or after October 9, 1998.

The purpose of the trackage rights will permit INDR to ensure continuity of service to the shipper on the line pending consummation of the operating agreement.

Upon 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 transaction 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.

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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33669, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on John Broadley, Jenner & Block, 601 13th Street N.W., 12th floor, Washington, DC 20005.

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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. 33668]

Monon Rail Preservation Corporation; Acquisition Exemption; Lines of CSX Transportation, Inc., in Monroe County, IN

Monon Rail Preservation Corporation (Monon), a noncarrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire 4.26 miles of rail line from CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), between

milepost Q217.67 at Hunters, IN, and milepost Q213.41 at Ellettsville, IN.¹

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after October 9, 1998.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33669, *The Indiana Rail Road Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Monon Rail Preservation Corporation*, wherein The Indiana Rail Company will enter into a trackage rights agreement with Monon for the operation of the line being acquired by Monon from CSXT.

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. 33668, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Theodore J. Ferguson, Esq., Ferguson & Ferguson, 403 East Sixth Street, Bloomington, IN 47408-4098.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

September 11, 1998.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

¹ Monon certifies that its projected revenues will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier.

¹ See *Monon Rail Preservation Corporation—Acquisition Exemption—Lines of CSX Transportation, Inc.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33668 (STB served Oct. 16, 1998), in which Monon has invoked the class exemption at 49 CFR 1150.31 to permit to acquire the line.