DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35094]

The Kansas City Southern Railway Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Columbus and Greenville Railway Company

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board is granting a petition for exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323 et seq., for The Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCSR), a Class I rail carrier, to acquire and operate a 2.23-mile rail line owned by Columbus and Greenville Railway Company (CAGY), a Class III rail carrier, subject to CAGY’s reservation of nonexclusive limited trackage rights. The rail line extends between, at one end, a connection between KCSR’s Artesia Subdivision and CAGY’s main track near KCSR milepost 230.4 and, at the other end, two connections between CAGY’s main track and KCSR’s Louisville Subdivision near KCSR milepost 88.5, near West Point, MS.

DATES: Petitioner has asked for expedited consideration of the petition. Consequently, the exemption will be effective on December 20, 2007. Petitions to stay must be filed by December 19, 2007. Petitions to reopen must be filed by January 14, 2008.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35094, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, one copy of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35014 (STB served July 13, 2007). Petition for stay must be filed no later than December 20, 2007 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective). An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35104, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Carl Morell, Of Counsel, Ball Janik LLP, Suite 225, 1455 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 245–0395.

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[STB Finance Docket No. 35104]

East Penn Railroad, LLC—Operation Exemption—Kutztown Transportation Authority

East Penn Railroad, LLC [ESPN], a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to operate a 4.12-mile rail line owned by Kutztown Transportation Authority (KTA), a municipal authority organized under the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act of 1954. The line is located between milepost 0.17 at Topton, PA, and milepost 4.29 at Kutztown, PA.

ESPN advises that its predecessors, Penn Eastern Rail Lines, Inc. (PERL), and East Penn Railroad, Inc. (EPRY), had entered into an agreement with KTA dated July 25, 2005, to replace the previous lease agreement for the line, but had failed to obtain prior approval for the new agreement. However, ESPN indicates that it or one of its predecessors has been the operator on the line for over 10 years.

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[STB Finance Docket No. 35097]

Massachusetts Coastal Railroad, LLC—Modified Rail Certificate

On November 29, 2007, Massachusetts Coastal Railroad, LLC (MC) filed a notice for a modified certificate of public convenience and necessity under 49 CFR 1150, Subpart C, Modified Certificate of Public

Family Transaction Exemption, STB Finance Docket No. 35056 (STB served July 13, 2007).

According to ESPN, Mr. Nolan subsequently sold ESPN to Regional Rail, LLC, a noncarrier, which does not control any other rail carriers.

This notice was initially filed on November 9, 2007, but a substantial amendment thereto was subsequently filed on November 29. See infra note 3. November 29 will therefore be considered the filing date.

MC is a Massachusetts Limited Liability Company and a wholly owned subsidiary of noncarrier Cape Rail, Inc.