applying the 3-Bid Rule to wildcat tracts only.

In Phase 2 of the two-phased bid adequacy procedures, the MMS estimate of tract value is averaged (geometrically) with the bids submitted. If the high bid exceeds the ''average'' bid, it is accepted. This averaging rule is applied to wildcat and confirmed tracts receiving two bids and to drainage and development tracts receiving three or more bids.

The three options currently being considered for Phase 2 procedures include replacing the geometric average with the median of the MMS tract value estimate and a lower percentile parameter as the number of bids on the tract increases, replacing the geometric average with an arithmetic average in the GOM Region and with the median elsewhere, and eliminating the geometric average with no replacement.

Whether or not changes are made in its bid adequacy procedures, the MMS is likely to adopt or retain at least one criterion incorporating market information provided by bids. In the past, changes in bid adequacy procedures have applied uniformly to all OCS lease sales, regardless of the planning area.

Should a decision be made to change the status quo, a notice to prospective bidders would be published in the **Federal Register**, and a discussion of the changes would be included in the appropriate Notice of Sale.

Specific Information Requested

The MMS would like any information that would help it, in the face of changing conditions, to continue to fulfill its obligation under the OCS Lands Act to assure the receipt of fair market value for oil and gas leases. Given the high return on rejected bids, what changes if any might be appropriate in current bid adequacy procedures? Are there options not identified above that MMS should consider?

Request for Comments

Specific kinds of comments are requested at the end of each of the five groups of policy options identified immediately above. In general, it would be helpful to the MMS for respondents to focus on the extent to which the options would help to achieve the objectives stated in this Call for Comment.

The MMS also requests any information indicating that certain options may have the potential for important negative consequences or would be less effective or less efficient than other actions under MMS control.

In addition to comments on the workability and possible effectiveness of individual options, the MMS would appreciate any suggestions for combinations of policies that might be superior to any individual options in achieving the stated objectives.

Respondents should not limit themselves to addressing the questions in this Call for Comment and should feel free to respond through the workshop, through written comments, or both. None of the policies discussed in this Call for Comment, with the exception of publishing the Indicated Hydrocarbon List, will receive final approval until after the comment period has closed and all comments—whether made at the workshop or submitted in writing—have been considered fully.

Workshop on Proposed Policy Options

A 2-day workshop to discuss the options presented in this Call for Comment will be held in the Gulf of Mexico region in mid-June 1995. The most likely site is Houston, with Metairie, Louisiana, as an alternate, and the tentative dates are June 14–15. The dates, exact location, and agenda will be announced in a **Federal Register** Notice later this month.

The first day of the workshop will be devoted to an overall discussion of the full set of options in this Call for Comment. This will include a limited discussion of the proposed guidelines for royalty relief on active leases and the purposes they are designed to achieve. The second day will be reserved for a more detailed discussion of how the proposed guidelines for royalty relief on active leases would work. All interested parties are invited to both sessions, but it would be especially valuable for those who might write the applications for royalty relief under the new guidelines to attend on the second day.

While the workshop is open, free of charge, to anyone who wishes to attend, the MMS requests that those wishing to attend any part of the two-day session register in advance. Registration information will be provided in the upcoming Notice announcing details of the workshop.

Assuming that a decision is made to issue specific royalty relief guidelines after comments have been analyzed, a training session will be held to explain the plan for implementation of the final guidelines.

Timing and Means of Implementation

As mentioned above, the MMS may issue two Notices of Proposed Rulemaking to gain more flexibility in the implementation of existing statutory authority for royalty rates and the effective length of lease terms. The decision to seek additional regulatory flexibility should not be interpreted as a decision to implement any particular policy option.

Most of the other options being considered could be implemented under existing authority. If, after considering the responses to this Call for Comment and any information gained from the workshop, a decision is made to change existing policies, the MMS hopes to announce in the **Federal Register** a package of proposals in time for implementation in the mid-1996 Western GOM sale (Sale 161) and subsequent GOM sales. Ideally, any decisions to change policies toward active leases would be made at the same time.

However, the MMS is not committed to adopting any specific options or to meeting a specific schedule for implementation. Regardless of any preferred timing, the MMS will assure that it has had adequate opportunity to hear and consider comments from industry, States, and other affected parties prior to any final decisions. In addition, the MMS will provide affected parties sufficient time to adjust to the decisions that eventually come out of this process.

Cynthia Quarterman,

Director, Minerals Management Service.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

[Finance Docket No. 32682]

RailTex, Inc.—Corporate Family Transaction Exemption—Georgia and Alabama Lines, South Carolina Central Railroad Co., Inc. and Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc.

RailTex, Inc. (RailTex), South Carolina Central Railroad Co., Inc. (SCC), and Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc. (GSWR), have filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3) for a corporate family transaction.

RailTex, a noncarrier corporation, controls through stock ownership: (1) SCC, a class III shortline rail carrier; and (2) GSWR, a noncarrier company.

SCC currently operates about 56 miles of railroad in South Carolina. SCC also owns three railroad lines in Georgia and Alabama: (1) Georgia Southwestern Division, extending from Rochelle, GA to Mahrt, AL, and from Columbus to Bainbridge, GA; (2) Georgia & Alabama Division, extending from Smithville, GA

to White Oak, AL; and (3) Georgia Great Southern Division, extending from Dawson to Albany, GA. The railroad lines in Georgia and Alabama are separately managed as divisions of SCC.

As part of a corporate restructuring, SCC will transfer to GSWR its interests in the railroad lines in Georgia and Alabama. SCC and GSWR will function as separate corporate entities, with separate revenue centers, and each will be managed, administered, directed, and accounted for separately. The parties intended to consummate on or about April 1, 1995.

This is a transaction within a corporate family of the type specifically exempted from prior approval under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3) because it will not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or a change in the competitive balance with carriers outside the corporate family.

As a condition to use of this exemption, any employees adversely affected by the transaction will be protected by the conditions set forth in *New York Dock Ry.—Control—Brooklyn Eastern Dist.*, 360 I.C.C. 60 (1979). Imposition of labor protective conditions is mandatory for transactions under 49 U.S.C. 11343.

Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10505(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not stay the exemption's effectiveness. Pleadings must be filed with the Commission and served on: Michael W. Blaszak, 211 South Leitch Ave., LaGrange, IL 60525.

Decided: April 14, 1995.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[Finance Docket No. 32686]

Union County Industrial Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Consolidated Rail Corporation

Union County Industrial Railroad Company (Union), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice under 49 CFR Part 1150, Subpart D—*Exempt Transactions* to acquire and operate a 3.9-mile rail line, owned by Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail), between milepost 169.7, at or near New Columbia, and milepost 173.6, at or near Milton, in Union County, PA. The transaction was consummated April 4, 1995.

This proceeding is related to *Richard D. Robey—Continuance in Control Exemption—Union County Industrial Railroad Company,* Finance Docket No. 32686 (Sub-No. 1), wherein Richard D. Robey has concurrently filed a petition for exemption to continue to control Union upon its becoming a rail carrier.

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. 10505(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to reopen will not stay the exemption's effectiveness. An original and 10 copies of all pleadings must be filed with the Commission. In addition, one copy must be served on Richard R. Wilson, Vuono, Lavelle & Gray, 2310 Grant Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

Decided: April 14, 1995.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; COPS AHEAD and COPS FAST Grant Programs; Notice

AGENCY: Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

ACTION: Notice of final program guidelines adopting with no changes.

SUMMARY: On January 18, 1995, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice published, for a 45-day public comment period, interim guidelines to accompany the COPS AHEAD and COPS FAST programs (60 FR 3648). The 45-day period elapsed with one comment received and the interim guidelines are adopted as final.

DATES: Final guidelines are effective April 20, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charlotte C. Black, Assistant General Counsel, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice, 1100 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20005; telephone (202) 514–3750.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for COPS AHEAD and COPS FAST is 16.710.

Dated: April 10, 1995.

Joseph E. Brann,

Director.

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Notice of Lodging a Final Judgment by Consent Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)

Notice is hereby given that on April 10, 1995, a proposed consent decree in *United States* v. *Edward Azrael, et al.,* Civ. A. No. WN–89–2898, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. The complaint in this action seeks recovery of costs and injunctive relief under Sections 106 and 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (''CERCLA''), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99–499, 42 U.S.C. 9606, 9607(a). This action involves the Kane and Lombard Superfund Site located in Baltimore, Maryland. Under the proposed Consent Decree, Edward Azrael, Harriet Azrael and the Estate of Cele Landay (the ''Settlors'') will pay $375,000.00 to the United States and $175,000.00 to the State of Maryland toward reimbursement of past and future costs incurred by the United States and the State of Maryland in performing certain response actions at the Kane and Lombard Superfund Site. The Decree also requires the Settlors to provide to EPA and the State of Maryland access to the Site at all times for the performance of further response actions at the Site. The Decree reserves the right of the United States to seek further injunctive relief should the Settlors fail to meet the requirements of the Decree and to seek recovery of costs associated with damage to natural resources.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed consent decree for a period of thirty days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044, and should refer to *United States* v. *Edward Azrael, et al.,* DOJ Reference No. 90–11–2–299.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, U.S. Courthouse, Eighth Floor, 101 W. Lombard Street, Baltimore, Md. 21201; Region III Office