

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is delegating to the Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Dwight P. Robinson, concurrently with the Secretary, the power and authority vested in or delegated or assigned to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, with the exception of the power to sue and be sued.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 28, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sam E. Hutchinson, Associate General Counsel for Human Resources Law, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 10242, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-0888. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Section 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d), the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may delegate any of the Secretary's functions, powers and duties to such officers and employees of the Department as the Secretary may designate, and may authorize successive redelegations of such functions, powers and duties as determined to be necessary or appropriate. In the delegation of authority issued today, the Secretary is delegating to the Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Dwight P. Robinson, all the power and authority vested in or delegated or assigned to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to be exercised concurrently with the Secretary, with the exception of the power to sue and be sued.

Accordingly, the Secretary delegates as follows:

Section A. Authority Delegated

The Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Dwight P. Robinson, is hereby authorized, concurrently with the Secretary, to exercise all the power and authority vested in or delegated or assigned to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Section B. Authority Excepted

There is excepted from the authority delegated under Section the authority to sue and be sued.

Section C. Delegation of Concurrent Authority Superseded

The Delegation of Concurrent Authority to the President, Government National Mortgage Association, published in the Federal Register on February 13, 1995, at 60 FR 8250, is hereby superseded.

Authority: Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: December 28, 1995.

Henry G. Cisneros,
Secretary of Housing and Urban
Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Lower Snake River District; Notice of Meeting

SUMMARY: The Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council will hold two meetings to discuss and develop draft statewide standards for rangeland health and guidelines for managing livestock grazing on public lands. Public comment periods will be held at 1 p.m. on January 25 and at 8 p.m. on February 15.

DATES: January 25, 1996 beginning at 8:15 a.m.; and February 15, 1996, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Idaho State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 3380 Americana Terrace, Boise, Idaho, 83706.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barry Rose, Lower Snake River District Office (208-384-3393).

Barry Rose,

Public Affairs Specialist.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

[Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 169X)]

Illinois Central Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in West Feliciania Parish, LA

Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 0.8 miles of its line of railroad between milepost LB-9.7 to milepost LB-10.5 near Riddle (Zee), in West Feliciania Parish, LA.

IC has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) all overhead traffic previously routed over this line has been rerouted to alternate lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service

over the line either is pending with the Commission or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to use of this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10505(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on February 3, 1996, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29³ must be filed by January 16, 1996. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by January 24, 1996, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, 1201 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20423.⁴

A copy of any pleading filed with the Commission should be sent to applicant's representative: Myles L. Tobin, Illinois Central Railroad Company, 455 North Cityfront Plaza Dr., 20th Floor, Chicago, IL 60611.

If the notice of exemption contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

IC has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's

¹ A stay will be issued routinely by the Commission in those proceedings where an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Commission's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the effective date of the notice of exemption. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any entity seeking a stay on environmental concerns is encouraged to file its request as soon as possible in order to permit the Commission to review and act on the request before the effective date of this exemption.

² See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

³ The Commission will accept a late-filed trail use request as long as it retains jurisdiction to do so.

⁴ Legislation to sunset the Commission on December 31, 1995, and transfer remaining functions is currently under consideration. Until further notice, parties submitting pleadings should continue to use the current name and address.