that is operated by the Warren & Trumbull Railroad Company.

Petitioners state that: (1) The rail lines owned by EDRC and EDR–II do not physically connect, (2) there are no plans to acquire or operate additional rail lines for the purpose of making a connection; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 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 transactions 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.

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. Pleadings must be filed with the Board and served on: Robert A. Wimbish, Suite 420, 1920 N Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

Decided: March 20, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

*Secretary.*

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**[STB Finance Docket No. 32877]**

## Pioneer Railcorp; Acquisition of Control Exemption; KNRECO, Inc., d/b/a/ Keokuk Junction Railway

Pioneer Railcorp. (Pioneer), a noncarrier holding company, has filed a notice of exemption to acquire a controlling interest (66.62% of the stock) of KNRECO, Inc., d/b/a Keokuk Junction Railway (KJRY) from its majority shareholder John Warfield. KJRY is a Class III common carrier railroad which owns 38 miles of track as follows: 28.4 miles of track from Keokuk to LaHarpe, Hancock County, IL, from MP 195.0 to MP 223.4; 5.1 miles of track from Hamilton to Warsaw, Hancock County, IL, from MP 222.6 to MPW 227.7 (of which 1.5 miles are actively operated from MPW 222.6 to MP 224.1) and 4.5 miles of track extending from Keokuk westward from MP 0.0 to MP 4.5 (of which 2.5 miles are actively operated from MP 0.0 to MP 2.5). Pioneer will make a tender offer to acquire the remaining stock of KJRY. The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after March 8, 1996.

Pioneer owns and controls eight existing Class III shortline rail carriers: West Michigan Railroad Co., operating in Michigan; Fort Smith Railroad Co., operating in Arkansas; Alabama Railroad Co., operating in Alabama; Mississippi Central Railroad Co., operating in Mississippi and Tennessee; Alabama & Florida Railway Co., operating in Alabama; Decatur Junction Railway Co., operating in Illinois; Vandalia Railroad Company, operating in Illinois; and Minnesota Central Railroad Co., operating in Minnesota.

Pioneer states that: (i) The railroads will not connect with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; (ii) the acquisition of control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the nine railroads with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. *See* 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 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 transactions 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.

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. 32877, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423 and served on: Keith G. O'Brien, Esq., Rea, Cross & Auchincloss, Suite 420, 1920 N Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

Decided: March 20, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

*Secretary.*

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[1] The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–88, 109 Stat. 803, which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 11323.

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

## Customs Service

**[T.D. 96–19]**

## Request for Public Comments Concerning Dissemination of Existing Information Product and Elimination of Microfiche

**AGENCY:** Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** General notice; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On February 22, 1996, Customs published in the Federal Register a document inviting public comments regarding its intention to provide Customs rulings, future publications and additional information in CD–ROM and the Internet formats with built-in search capabilities and ''hypertext'' links. The document also requested comments regarding the possible elimination of the microfiche format used to presently supply rulings to the public by subscription. Comments were to be received on or before March 25, 1996. This document extends for an additional 30 days the period of time within which interested members of the public may comment on the proposals.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 25, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments (preferably in triplicate) may be addressed to the Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Franklin Court, 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20229. Comments submitted may be inspected at the Regulations Branch, Office of Regulations and Rulings, Franklin Court, 1099 14th Street N.W., Suite 4000W, Washington, D.C.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

For contents and technical aspects of the CD–ROM: Howard Plofker, 202–482–7077.

For the Internet: Kathy Davis, 202–927–0255.

For the microfiche: Thomas Budnik, 202–482–6909.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Background

On February 22, 1996, Customs published a document in the Federal Register (61 FR 6892) requesting public comments concerning proposals to provide rulings, future publications and additional information in two new formats (CD–ROM and the Internet) with built-in search capabilities and ''hypertext'' links, and to eliminate one format used to supply rulings to the public by subscription (microfiche). Comments were requested by March 25, 1996.

Customs has been requested to extend the period of time for comments to allow interested parties to have more time to consider the proposals. Customs believes that it would be appropriate to grant the request. Accordingly, the period of time for the submission of comments is being extended 30 days.

Dated: March 21, 1996.

Stuart P. Seidel,

*Assistant Commissioner, Office of Regulations and Rulings.*

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## Fiscal Service

**[Dept. Circ. 570, 1995 Rev., Supp. No. 7]**

### Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: Carolina Casualty Insurance Company

A Certificate of Authority as an acceptable surety on Federal Bonds is hereby issued to the following company under Sections 9304 to 9308, Title 31, of the United States Code. Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570, 1995 Revisions, on page 34438 to reflect this addition:

*Carolina Casualty Insurance Company,* BUSINESS ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2575, Jacksonville, FL 32203, Telephone No. (904) 363–0900. UNDERWRITING LIMITATION b/: $5,080,000. SURETY LICENSES c/: AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY. INCORPORATED IN: Florida.

Certificates of Authority expire on June 30 each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (31 CFR part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1 in Treasury Department Circular 570, with details as to underwriting limitations, areas in which licensed to transact surety business and other information.

The Circular may be viewed or downloaded by calling the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, computerized public bulletin board system (FMS Inside Line) at (202) 874–6817/7034/6953/6872. A hard copy may be purchase from the Government Printing Office (GPO), Washington, DC, telephone (202) 512–0132. When ordering the Circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 048–000–00489–0.

For further assistance, contact the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Funds Management Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6F04, Hyattsville, MD 20782, telephone (202) 874–6696.

Dated: March 13, 1996.

Charles F. Schwan III,

*Director, Funds Management Division, Financial Management Services.*

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## Office of Thrift Supervision

**[AC–19; OTS No. 01570]**

### Citizens Savings Bank, F.S.B., Normal, Illinois; Approval of Conversion Application

Notice is hereby given that on March 11, 1996, the Director, Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of Citizens Savings Bank, F.S.B., Normal, Illinois, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552, and the Central Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 200 West Madison Street, Suite 1300, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

Dated: March 18, 1996.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Nadine Y. Washington,

*Corporate Secretary.*

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**[AC–20; OTS No. 2721]**

### First Federal Bank of Arkansas, FA, Harrison, Arkansas; Approval of Conversion Application

Notice is hereby given that on March 19, 1996, the Director, Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of First Federal Bank of Arkansas, FA, Harrison, Arkansas, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552, and the Midwest Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 122 W. John Carpenter Freeway, Suite 600, Dallas, Texas 75039–2010.

Dated: March 20, 1996.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Nadine Y. Washington,

*Corporate Secretary.*

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