

Dated: January 15, 1998.

John T. Spotila,

Acting Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3049]

State of Tennessee

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on January 13, 1998, I find that Carter County in the State of Tennessee constitutes a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms and flooding beginning on January 6, 1998 and continuing. Applications for loans for physical damages may be filed until the close of business on March 13, 1998, and for loans for economic injury until the close of business on October 13, 1998 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous counties of Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington in Tennessee, and Avery, Mitchell, and Watauga Counties in North Carolina may be filed until the specified date at the above location.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
<i>Physical damage:</i>	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	7.625
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	3.812
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	7.125
<i>For economic injury:</i>	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 304906. For economic injury the numbers are 971600 for Tennessee and 971700 for North Carolina.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: January 15, 1998.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of Defense Trade Controls

[Public Notice No. 2671]

Notifications to the Congress of Proposed Export Licenses

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of State has forwarded the attached Notifications of Proposed Export Licenses to the Congress on the dates shown on the attachments pursuant to section 36(c) and in compliance with section 36(e) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776).

EFFECTIVE DATE: As shown on each letter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William J. Lowell, Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State ((703) 875-6644).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 38(e) of the Arms Export Control Act mandates that notifications to the Congress pursuant to section 36(c) must be published in the **Federal Register** when they are transmitted to Congress or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Dated: December 18, 1997.

William J. Lowell,

Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls.

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 4, 1997.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting herewith certification of a proposed export of defense articles or defense services sold under contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves training, operation and maintenance for Peace Shield, a command, control and communications system supporting air defense for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, although unclassified, contains business information

submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Barbara Larkin,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC-3-98

The Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-192 (Sub-No. 1)]

The Birmingham Southern Railroad Company; Abandonment and Discontinuance of Trackage Rights in Jefferson County, AL

On January 9, 1998, the Birmingham Southern Railroad Company (BS) amended an application it filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) on December 22, 1997, to abandon a portion of its line of railroad known as the Birmingham Branch, extending from BS Milepost 146+97.22 near East Thomas Station to the end of the line near Birmingham Station, a distance of 3.869 miles, in Jefferson County, AL;¹ and to discontinue its trackage rights over Norfolk Southern Railway Company's (NSR) line between NSR's Mileposts 143 and 144 near Birmingham Station, a distance of .614 miles in Jefferson County, AL. The trackage rights include the right of BS to travel over approximately 500 feet of main line track over which NSR continues to maintain traffic, and approximately 2,741 feet of yard track which was removed by NSR approximately 10 years ago. The line includes only one station, Birmingham Station No. 605, near BS Milepost 25+67.42 and

¹ BS amended its original filing to clarify that the portion of the Birmingham Branch sought to be abandoned consists of only two segments: (1) The Birmingham Running Track, extending a distance of 2.78 miles between BS station 0+00 and BS station 146+97.22; and (2) the Birmingham Yard, extending a distance of 1.08 miles between BS station 0+00 and BS station 56+83.94. BS maintains that a third segment originally included in its December 22, 1997 filing (the Ingalls Iron Works Track, extending a distance of .29 miles between BS station 3+20.28 and BS station 18+41.48), is actually exempt industry/switching track that should not have been included in the abandonment application. Accordingly, BS does not seek abandonment authorization for the Ingalls Iron Works Track. The abandonment application will be deemed to have been filed on January 9, 1998, the date the clarification was filed, and hence the procedural schedule will run from that date.