

milepost GB-77.3 at Perry, FL, and from milepost GB-77.3/LO-45.75 at Perry, FL, to milepost LO-39.0 at Foley, FL; (3) the Valdosta-Nashville Line, from milepost 30.65 at Valdosta, GA, to milepost 57.2 at Nashville, GA; (4) the Moultrie-Schley Junction Line, from milepost 27.1 at Moultrie, GA, to milepost 33.6 at Schley Junction, GA; (5) the Norman Junction Line, from milepost 29.52 at Norman Junction, GA, to milepost 33.52 at Moultrie, GA; and (6) the Thomasville-Camilla Line, from milepost ANC-692.08 at Thomasville, GA, to milepost ANC-728.0 at Camilla, GA.²

In addition, GFRN will also acquire GOR's lease interest in, and operate, the following rail lines: (1) The Albany-Sparks Line, (owned by and leased from the Norfolk Southern Railway (NSR)) from milepost GN-0.7 at Albany, GA, to milepost GN-58.9 at Sparks, GA; (2) the Camilla-Albany Line (owned by and leased from CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX)) from milepost ANC-728.0 at Camilla, GA, to milepost ANC-748.03 at Albany, GA; and (3) the Albany-Sylvester Line (owned by and leased from CSX) from milepost AP-699.12 at Albany, GA, to milepost AP-677.67 at Sylvester, GA.

GFRN will also acquire incidental overhead trackage rights over approximately 29.8 miles of rail line owned by the Georgia Southern and Florida Railway Company (a subsidiary of NSR) from milepost 125.2-G at Sparks, GA, to milepost 155.0-G (at a connection into NS' Valdosta yard facilities) at Valdosta, GA.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after April 30, 1999.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33717, *North American RailNet, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Georgia & Florida RailNet, Inc.*, wherein North American RailNet, Inc., is seeking an exemption to continue in control of GFRN upon its becoming a Class III rail carrier.

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.

² GFRN states that its projected revenues will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier.

Because its projected revenues will exceed \$5 million, however, GFRN certified to the Board, on February 12, 1999, that it had served a copy of the notice on the national offices of the labor unions with employees on the affected lines, and that the required notice of its acquisition has been posted at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines. See 49 CFR 1150.32(e).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33717, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Robert A. Wimbish, Esq., Rea, Cross, & Auchincloss, 1707 L Street, NW, Suite 570, Washington, DC 20036.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33717]

North American RailNet, Inc.— Continuance in Control Exemption— Georgia & Florida RailNet, Inc.

North American RailNet, Inc. (NARN), has filed a notice of exemption to continue in control of Georgia & Florida RailNet, Inc. (GFRN), upon GFRN's becoming a Class III railroad.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after April 30, 1999.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33716, *Georgia & Florida RailNet, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Lines of the Gulf & Ohio Railways Inc.*, wherein GFRN is seeking an exemption to acquire and operate certain rail lines currently operated by and owned by, or under the control of, Gulf & Ohio Railways, Inc.

NARN controls four existing Class III railroads: Nebraska, Kansas & Colorado RailNet, Inc., operating in Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado; Illinois RailNet, Inc., operating in Illinois; Camas Prairie RailNet, Inc., operating in Washington and Idaho; and Mississippi & Tennessee RailNet, Inc., operating in Mississippi and Tennessee.

NARN states that: (i) The rail lines operated by GFRN do not connect with any railroad in the corporate family; (ii) the transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect GFRN's lines with any railroad in the 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 verified 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. 33717, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Robert A. Wimbish, Esq., Rea, Cross, & Auchincloss, 1707 L Street, NW, Suite 570, Washington, DC 20036.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33729
(Sub-No. 1)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, exempts the trackage rights described in STB Finance Docket No. 33729¹ to permit the trackage rights to

¹ On March 19, 1999, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed a notice of exemption under the Board's class exemption procedures at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). The notice covered the agreement by The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway