

Surface Transportation Board¹**[STB Finance Docket No. 32987]****R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Allentown Lines, Inc.; Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Lines of Consolidated Rail Corporation**

R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Allentown Lines, Inc. (RJC�), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate approximately 6.73 miles of rail line in the vicinity of Allentown, PA, (the Allentown Cluster), which is owned by Consolidated Rail Corporation as follows: (i) the Lehighon Industrial Track between East Penn Junction approximately milepost 92.835 and Fullerton approximately milepost 96.709; (ii) the Barber's Quarry Industrial Track from approximately milepost 93.144 to milepost 95.089; and (iii) the Allentown Industrial Track from approximately milepost 0.0 to milepost 0.908.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or after July 8, 1996.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 32988, *Richard J. Corman—Continuance in Control Exemption—R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Allentown Lines, Inc.*, wherein Richard J. Corman has concurrently filed a verified notice to continue in control of RJC�, upon its becoming a Class III 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. 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. 32987, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Kevin M. Sheys, Esq., Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, 1020 Nineteenth

Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036.

Dated: July 11, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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[STB Finance Docket No. 32988]**Richard J. Corman—Continuance in Control Exemption; R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Allentown Lines, Inc.**

Richard J. Corman (Corman), a noncarrier, has filed a notice of exemption to continue in control of R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Allentown Lines, Inc. (RJC�), upon RJC�'s becoming a Class III rail carrier.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on July 8, 1996.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 32987, *R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Allentown Lines, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Lines of consolidated Rail Corporation*, wherein RJC� seeks to acquire and operate certain rail lines from Consolidated Rail Corporation.

Corman owns and controls five existing Class III common carriers by rail: R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc., operating in Pennsylvania; R.J. Corman Railroad Corporation, operating in Kentucky; R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Memphis Line, operating in Tennessee and Kentucky; R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Western Ohio Line, operating in Ohio; and R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Cleveland Line, operating in Ohio.

Corman states that: (i) The railroads will not connect with each other or any railroads in their corporate family; (ii) the continuance in control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the 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.

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Decided: July 11, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**Notification of Item Added to Agenda; Sunshine Acting Meeting**

On July 12, 1996, the Board voted unanimously to add one item to its agenda for the July 17, 1996 Board Meeting:

(8) Preparing for fiscal year 1997 funding estimates.

Date: July 15, 1996.

Beatrice Ezerski,
Secretary to the Board.

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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. 10901.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 990-EZ**

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 16, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson,

(202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax.

OMB Number: 1545-1150

Form Number: 990-EZ

Abstract: An annual return is required by Internal Revenue Code (Code) section 6033 for organizations exempt under Code section 501(a). Form 990-EZ is used by tax-exempt organizations and nonexempt charitable trusts whose gross receipts are less than \$100,000 and whose total assets at the end of the year are less than \$250,000 to provide the IRS with the information required by Code section 6033. IRS uses the information from Form 990-EZ to ensure that tax-exempt organizations are operating within the limitations of their tax exemption.

Current Actions: The instructions for Form 990 and Form 990-EZ were combined to save on printing and processing costs. These combined instructions include General Instructions applicable to both forms and Specific and line instructions pertaining to each form.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 43 hrs. 49 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,381,000.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: July 9, 1996.
Garrick R. Shear,
IRS Reports Clearance Officer.
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