

Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation and Cedar American Rail Holding, Inc.—Control—Iowa, Chicago & Eastern Railroad Corporation.

STB Finance Docket No. 33697, *National Railroad Passenger Corporation—Petition for Declaratory Order—Weight of Rail. STB Finance Docket No. 33995, SF&L Railway, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Toledo, Peoria and Western Railway Corporation Between La Harpe and Peoria, IL.*

STB Finance Docket No. 33996, *Kern W. Schumacher and Morris H. Kulmer—Continuance in Control—SF&L Railway, Inc.*

STB Docket No. AB-448 (Sub-No. 2X), *SF&L Railway, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Hancock, McDonough, Fulton and Peoria Counties, IL.*

STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 11X), *New York Central Lines, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Lake County, OH.*

STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 617X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Lake County, OH.*

STB Finance Docket No. 34114, *Yolo Shortline Railroad Company—Lease and Operation Exemption—Port of Sacramento.*

STB Finance Docket No. 34304, *The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Portland & Western Railroad, Inc.*

STB Ex Parte No. 282 (Sub-No. 20), *Railroad Consolidation Procedures—Exemption for Temporary Trackage Rights.*

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Dated: January 22, 2003.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34308]

Central Midland Railway Company— Lease and Operation Exemption— Union Pacific Railroad Company

Central Midland Railway Company (CMRC), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease and operate approximately 8.65 miles of rail line

and related industrial tracks currently owned and operated by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP). The rail line, known as the Lackland Sub-Division, extends from milepost 10.35 at Rock Island Junction, MO, to milepost 19, located west of Vigus, MO. CMRC certifies that the projected annual revenues from the leased line will not result in the creation of a Class I or Class II rail carrier. The effective date of the exemption was January 15, 2003 (7 days after the notice was filed) and the parties expected to consummate the transaction on January 19, 2003.

If this 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. 34308, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on John Broadley, John H. Broadley & Associates, 1054 31st Street NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20007.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: January 17, 2003.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Security Administration

Port Security Grant Program; Application Notice Describing the Categories of Interest and Establishing the Closing Date for Receipt of Applications Under the Port Security Grant Program—Round 2

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice inviting applications for the Port Security Grant Program.

SUMMARY: The purpose of the Port Security Grant Program is to support efforts for port security at critical national seaports in the areas of security assessments and mitigation strategies, enhanced facility and operational security.

The Port Security Grant Program will fund projects in two categories: (1) security assessments and mitigation strategies, and (2) enhanced facility and operational security to include proof-of-concept projects. Transportation Security Administration is coordinating with the Maritime Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard in this effort. Applicants may be submitted by critical national seaports/terminals/vessels (commuter or ferry service) as specified in the Broad Agency Announcement. Authority for this program is contained in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY 2002, Pub. L. 107-117, 115 Stat. 2230 and FY 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery From and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, Pub. L. 107-206, 116 Stat. 820.

DATES: The program announcements and applications for the Port Security Grant Program—Round 2 are expected to be available on or about January 14, 2003. Applicants must be received on or before 2 p.m. EST, February 27, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The Broad Agency Announcement, application and instructions for preparing and submitting an application for the Port Security Grant Program will be available through the Internet at <https://www.portsecuritygrants.dotts.net>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Mary Heying, Transportation Security Administration, Office of Maritime and Land Security, 400-7th Street, SW., TSA-8, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 772-1118, email:

Mary.Heying@tsa.dot.gov or, Ms. Tracey Ford, Grants Officer, Maritime Administration, Office of Acquisition, 400-7th Street, SW., Room 7310, Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366-1744, email: Tracey.Ford@marad.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Total anticipated funding available for Port Security Grant Program—Round 2 is \$104,093,293. This amount does not include funding for Port Incident Training and Exercises, which will be addressed separate from this program and is not covered by this Announcement. Awards under this program are subject to availability of funds.

Port Security Grant Program—Round 2 Categories

Category 1: Security Assessments and Mitigation Strategies—Award based on proposed security assessments that ascertain vulnerabilities of physical or operational security of a port, multiple terminals, terminal, or vessel (commuter or ferry service) and identify mitigation strategies.