

EMPLOYER STATUS DETERMINATION
JP Rail, Incorporated, d/b/a Southern
Railroad Company of New Jersey

This is the determination of the Railroad Retirement Board concerning the status of JP Rail, Incorporated, d/b/a Southern Railroad Company of New Jersey (JP Rail), as an employer under the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. §231 et seq.) (RRA) and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. §351 et seq.) (RUIA).

Information about JP Rail was furnished by Joseph F. Petaccio, Jr., its President. JP Rail owns 11.9 miles of track in New Jersey and began rail operations on December 10, 1991. It interchanges with Conrail (BA No.1321).

In Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) Finance Docket No. 31975, decided December 6, 1991, JP Rail filed a notice of exemption to acquire and operate the New Jersey rail lines owned or operated by The Shore Fast Line, Inc. (Shore) (BA No.3349).¹ The ICC decision stated that JP Rail would also acquire Shore's operating or trackage rights over certain lines owned by New Jersey Transit Corporation.

In ICC Finance Docket No. 31976, also decided December 6, 1991, JP Rail filed a notice for a modified certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a 15.47-mile line of railroad owned by the New Jersey Department of Transportation. The ICC decision stated that JP Rail would be replacing Shore, which had been operating the line under a modified certificate.

Based upon the information provided, it is determined that JP Rail, Incorporated, d/b/a Southern Railroad Company of New Jersey, became a rail carrier employer under the RRA and the RUIA effective December 10, 1991, the date on which it began rail operations.

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¹Shore Fast Line, Inc. is being separately submitted for termination of coverage under the RRA and the RUIA.

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