

EMPLOYER STATUS DETERMINATION

**Central of Tennessee Railway and Navigation
Company Incorporated**

This is the determination of the Railroad Retirement Board concerning the status of Central of Tennessee Railway and Navigation Company Incorporated (Centennrail) 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).

Centennrail began railroad freight operations over approximately 5 miles of main line track on June 19, 1992 and first hired employees on that same date. Centennrail's Chairman, Donald T. Cheatham, has indicated that in the "immediate future" rehabilitation will be done to sufficient areas on the railway to allow a full 20 mile-operation.

Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) Finance Docket No. 32049 (Sub-No. 1), decided July 15, 1992, stated that Centennrail filed a notice for a modified certificate of public convenience and necessity under 49 CFR Part 1150, Subpart C, to operate a rail line beginning at milepost 205 at Nashville, Tennessee, and extending to milepost 180 at Ashland City, Tennessee, a distance of 25 miles with 3 miles of switching leads. The ICC decision stated that the line is owned by Cheatham County Rail Authority (CCRA), a State of Tennessee public entity, which purchased it from the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company (BA No.1516) (ICG) in 1988 after ICG had been authorized to abandon it. The ICC decision stated further that CCRA had given the initial operator of the railroad, McCormick, Ashland City & Nashville Railroad Co., Inc. (BA No.5518) notice under a default provision in its operations contract and had selected Centennrail to be the new contract operator.

Based upon the information summarized above, it is determined that Central of Tennessee Railway and Navigation Company, Incorporated became a rail carrier employer under the RRA and the RUIA effective June 19, 1992, the date on which it began rail operations.

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