

EMPLOYER STATUS DETERMINATION
Willamette Valley Railway Company

This is the determination of the Railroad Retirement Board concerning the status of Willamette Valley Railway Company (WVRY) 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).

In Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) Finance Docket No. 32249, decided March 1, 1993, WVRY filed a notice of exemption to acquire by lease and to operate 72.37 miles of certain rail lines owned by Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPTC) (BA No.1713). The lines to be acquired by lease were: (1) The West Stayton Branch between milepost 708.11 at Stayton and milepost 737.76 at Woodburn, a distance of 29.65 miles in Marion County, Oregon; (2) the Geer Branch between milepost 719.16 at Geer and milepost 725.81 at Salem, a distance of 6.65 miles in Marion County, Oregon; and (3) Mill City Branch between milepost 689.64 at Page and milepost 725.71 at Mill City, a distance of 36.07 miles in Marion and Linn Counties, Oregon.

WVRY began operations on February 22, 1993, and first compensated its twelve full-time employees as of that same date. WVRY interchanges with SPTC at Salem and Albany, Oregon.

Based upon the information summarized above, it is determined that Willamette Valley Railway Company became a rail carrier employer under the RRA and the RUIA effective February 22, 1993, the date it began railroad operations and as of which it first compensated employees.

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