

**EMPLOYER STATUS DETERMINATION**  
**East Mahanoy and Hazleton Railroad**

This the determination of the Railroad Retirement Board concerning the status of East Mahanoy and Hazleton Railroad (EMHR) 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. 32076, decided July 9, 1992, EMHR filed a notice of exemption to acquire and operate approximately 9.6 miles of rail line in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, owned by Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) ( BA No.1321), including (1) Freeland Running Track, between Ashmore Junction (M.P. 141.0) and Pink Ash Junction (M.P. 144.0); (2) Ebervale Running Track, between Pink Ash Junction (M.P. 144.1) and the end of the line at Route 940 (M.P. 148.7); (3) Eckley Industrial Track, between the connection with the Freeland Running Track (M.P. 143.1) and the end of track (M.P. 144.4); and (4) Camp Running Track, between York Junction (M.P. 148.3) and Oneida Junction (M.P. 147.4). The ICC decision stated that EMHR was also acquiring incidental trackage rights over 6.4 miles between Oneida Junction (Line Code 0515 M.P. 147.4) and Ashmore Junction (Line Code 0515 M.P. 141.3).

EMHR began railroad operations July 21, 1992. It interchanges with the Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad (BA No.3377).

Based upon the information summarized above, it is determined that East Mahanoy and Hazleton Railroad became a rail carrier employer under the RRA and the RUIA effective July 21, 1992, the date that it began rail operations.

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