

EMPLOYER STATUS DETERMINATION
Fort Worth & Dallas Belt Railroad

This is the determination of the Railroad Retirement Board concerning the status of Fort Worth & Dallas Belt Railroad (FWD.) as an employer under the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. § 231 et. seq.) (R.A.) and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. § 351 et. seq.) (RUIA).

FWDB began doing business June 20, 1994. On June 22, 1994, it filed a notice of exemption with the Interstate Commerce Commission to acquire and operate approximately 1.97 miles of rail line owned by the St. Louis Southwestern Railroad, part of the line by purchase and part by lease. The line interchanges with its affiliate, the Fort Worth & Western railroad, a covered employer under the Acts (B.A. No. 2861), and several class one carriers including Burlington Northern, Santa Fe, and Southern Pacific. Operations on the line will be performed by the Fort Worth & Western Railroad, which, along with FWDB, is owned by Tarantula Corporation.

Based upon the information summarized above, it is determined that FWDB became a rail carrier employer within the meaning of section 1(a)(1)(i) of the RRA 45 U.S.C. § 231a(1)(i) and the corresponding provision under the RRA, effective June 20-, 1994.

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