

**EMPLOYER STATUS DETERMINATION  
BHP NEVADA RAILROAD COMPANY**

This is the determination of the Railroad Retirement Board concerning the status of BHP Nevada Railroad Company (BHPNR) 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).

By authority of concurrent Surface Transportation Board decisions on June 4, 1996 (STB Finance Docket Numbers 32969 and 32970), BHPNR began operations as a class III railroad carrier on June 7, 1996. BHPNR acquired the rail lines and other assets of the Northern Nevada Rail Corporation (B.A. 2772). BHPNR operates on approximately 150.24 miles in Elko and White Pines Counties, Nevada, moving copper for BHP Copper. BHPNR interchanges with the Union Pacific Railroad at Shafter Junction, Nevada.

Based on the information summarized above, it is determined that BHP Nevada Railroad Company became a rail carrier employer under the RRA and RUIA effective June 7, 1996, the date on which it began railroad operations.

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**TO** : The Board

**FROM** : Catherine C. Cook  
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**SUBJECT:** Coverage Determination  
BHP Nevada Railroad Company

Attached is a proposed coverage ruling for Board approval.

Attachment

