

**EMPLOYER STATUS DETERMINATION**


**R. J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc.**


This is the determination of the Railroad Retirement Board concerning the status of R. J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc. (RJC), as an employer under the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. § 231 et seq.) and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. §351 et seq.).

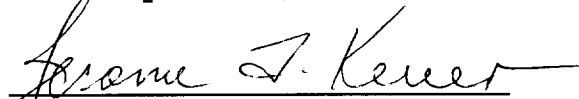
Information regarding RJC was provided by R. J. Boles, Vice President of RJC. According to R. J. Boles, RJC began doing business January 2, 1996. Richard J. Corman is the chief executive officer of RJC. RJC currently has approximately 20 employees.

In Surface Transportation Board Docket 32838, RJC filed a notice of exemption to acquire and operate approximately 230.4 miles of rail line and trackage rights formerly owned by Conrail and known as the Clearfield Cluster in six counties in Pennsylvania, as well to acquire by assignment from Conrail incidental trackage rights over approximately 7.8 miles of rail lines between Clearfield and Curwensville, Pennsylvania. It interchanges with Conrail.

The evidence of record establishes that RJC is a carrier operating in interstate commerce. Accordingly, it is determined that RJC is an employer within the meaning of section 1(a)(1)(i) of the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. § 231a(1)(i)) and the corresponding provision of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act effective January 2, 1996, the date as of which it commenced operations.

  
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