

EMPLOYER STATUS DETERMINATION
Lycoming Valley Railroad Company (LYRC)

This is the determination of the Railroad Retirement Board regarding the status of Lycoming Valley Railroad Company (LYRC) as an employer under the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. §231 et seq.)(RRA) and Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. §351 et seq.)(RUIA).

According to information filed August 30, 1996 under Surface Transportation Board Finance Docket No. 33010, SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority (SEDA-COG) and LYRC filed for a joint verified notice of exemption for SEDA-COG to acquire, and for LYRC to operate approximately 38.0 miles of rail line formerly owned by Conrail (BA No. 1321), known as the "Williamsport Cluster." LYRC operates over two routes, extending from milepost 199.6 at Muncy, Pennsylvania (PA) to milepost 181.1 at Newberry, PA; and from milepost 181.1 at Newberry, PA to milepost 168.1 at Jersey Shore, PA. LYRC also operates over a third route extending approximately two miles from Newberry, PA to Linden, PA, interchanging with Conrail at Linden. According to Secretary-Treasurer Miriam R. Robey, LYRC commenced operations and first compensated its 10 employees on August 16, 1996, under an employer identification number of 23-2851966.

Information in the record establishes that LYRC began operations on August 16, 1996. Accordingly, the Board finds that effective with the start of business on August 16, 1996, Lycoming Valley Railroad Company became a covered employer under the RRA and the RUIA.

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