

EMPLOYER STATUS DETERMINATION

The Shore Fast Line, Inc.

This is the determination of the Railroad Retirement Board concerning the status of The Shore Fast Line, Inc. (BA No. 3349) (Shore) as an employer under the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA).

In Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) Finance Docket No. 31975, decided December 6, 1991, JP Rail, Inc. (JP) (BA No. 2355) filed a notice of exemption to acquire and operate the New Jersey rail lines owned or operated by Shore and to acquire Shore's operating or trackage rights over certain lines owned by New Jersey Transit Corporation. Contemporaneously, JP filed a notice, in ICC Finance Docket No. 31976 for a modified certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate an additional 15.47 miles of line that had previously been operated by Shore. JP has been determined to have become a rail carrier employer effective effective December 10, 1991, by virtue of its acquisition and operation of the rail lines previously owned and/or operated by Shore.

According to Lorraine Lang, Payroll Manager of Better Materials Corporation, Shore ceased operations and disposed of its assets on December 9, 1991. It paid employees through December 21, 1991.

Based upon the information provided, it is determined that The Shore Fast Line, Inc. ceased to be an employer under the RRA and the RUIA effective December 21, 1991, the last date as of which it paid employees.

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