## EMPLOYER STATUS DETERMINATION

The Minnesota & Manitoba Railroad Company

This is the determination of the Railroad Retirement Board regarding the continuing status of the Minnesota & Manitoba Railroad Company (M&M) 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). The M&M was ruled to be an employer under the Acts administered by the Board effective October 1, 1901.

M&M lost its legal status as a Michigan corporation when it was statutorily dissolved on December 9, 1991. M&M continued operations until sometime in January 1996 when its parent company, and sole shareholder, Canadian National Railway, Inc. (CN), transferred M&M's assets to CN, doing business as the Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway (DWP), another wholly owned subsidiary of CN. DWP is a covered employer under the RRA and RUIA (B.A. 1607). Both before and after the corporate dissolution of M&M, employees of M&M were carried on DWP's payroll and continued as DWP employees after M&M's assets were transferred to DWP.

In accordance with the information summarized above, it is the Board's determination that the Minnesota & Manitoba Railroad Company ceased being an employer under the RRA and RUIA effective January 31, 1996, the last day of the month in which all of its assets were transferred.