

EMPLOYER STATUS DETERMINATION
Regional Railroads of America

This is the determination of the Railroad Retirement Board concerning the continuing status of the Regional Railroads of America (BA No. 7326) (RROA) 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). RROA has been an employer under the Acts, with service creditable from December 12, 1986.

Information about RROA was provided by Ms. Alice Saylor, General Counsel of The American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (BA No. 7301) (the Association), and by Mr. Keith Hartwell, an attorney who is the contact person for the RROA. Effective January 1, 1998, RROA ceased to exist as a separate entity and instead became the Legislative Policy Committee of the Association. Both Ms. Saylor and Mr. Hartwell confirmed that no formal action was taken or was necessary to terminate RROA's existence as a separate entity.

Based on the information summarized above, the Board finds that the Regional Railroads of America ceased to be an employer under the RRA and the RUIA effective January 1, 1998, the date on which it became a part of the Association.

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