

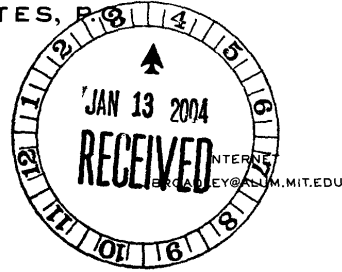
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January 13, 2004

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Honorable Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Suite 700
1925 K Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20423

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Re: Finance Docket No. 34363, Central Midland Railway Company -- Lease and
Operate Exemption -- Missouri Central Railroad Company Lines in Missouri

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed please find an original and eleven copies of a Verified Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.42 and a Caption Summary in the foregoing matter. Please stamp the additional copy and return it to me with our messenger.

Pursuant to the Board's regulations there is also enclosed a 3.5 inch diskette with the Verified Notice of Exemption and the Caption Summary in WordPerfect format.

I have also enclosed a check payable to the Secretary of the Board as a filing fee in the amount of \$1400.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to call me at the above number.

Yours very truly,

John Broadley
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BEFORE THE
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Washington, D.C.



Central Midland Railway Company -- Exemption --)
Lease and Operate -- Missouri Central Railroad Co.)
Lines in Missouri)

Finance Docket No. 34363

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT

Central Midland Railway Co. ("Central Midland") hereby gives notice pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.42 that it has entered into an agreement with Missouri Central Railroad Co. ("Missouri Central") to lease and operate Missouri Central's line in the state of Missouri between Milepost 19.0 at West of Vigus to Milepost 262.8 at Pleasant Hill, Missouri. The following information is given as required by 49 CFR 1150.43:

(a) The full name and address of the Class III rail carrier applicant:

Central Midland Railway Company
101 West Ohio Street
Suite 1600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

(b) The name address and telephone number of the representative of the applicant who should receive correspondence:

John Broadley
John H. Broadley & Associates
1054 31st Street NW, Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20007
Tel. 202-333-6025

(c) A statement that an agreement has been reached or details when an agreement will be reached:

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Central. A lease agreement has been reached between Central Midland and Missouri

(d) The operator of the property:

Central Midland will operate the property.

(e) A brief summary of the proposed transaction, including:

(1) The name and address of the railroad transferring the subject property to the Class III rail carrier.

Central Midland Railway Co.
Ameren Energy Fuels and Services
1901 Chouteau Avenue, MC-611
St. Louis, Missouri 63103

(2) The proposed time schedule for consummation of the transaction:

The parties contemplate consummating the transaction on or after January 19, 2004.

(3) The mileposts of the subject property including any branch lines:

The subject property is a line of railroad running between MP 19.0 at West of Vigus and MP 262.8 at Pleasant Hill, Missouri.

(4) The total route miles being acquired:

The line of railroad Central Midland will acquire under the lease comprises 243.8 miles.

(f) A map that clearly indicates the area to be served, including origins, termini, stations, cities, counties, and states:

The required map is attached as Exhibit No. 1.

(g) A certificate that applicant's projected revenues as a result of the transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier so as to require processing under 1150.45:

The required certificate is attached as Exhibit No. 2.

Certification pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.42(e) is not required as the projected annual revenues of the rail line to be leased, together with the acquiring carrier's projected annual revenue, do not exceed \$5 million.

Respectfully submitted,

CENTRAL MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY

By: John Broadley
One of its attorneys
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Dated: January 13, 2004

Exhibit No. 1
(Map of the Line to Be Acquired)

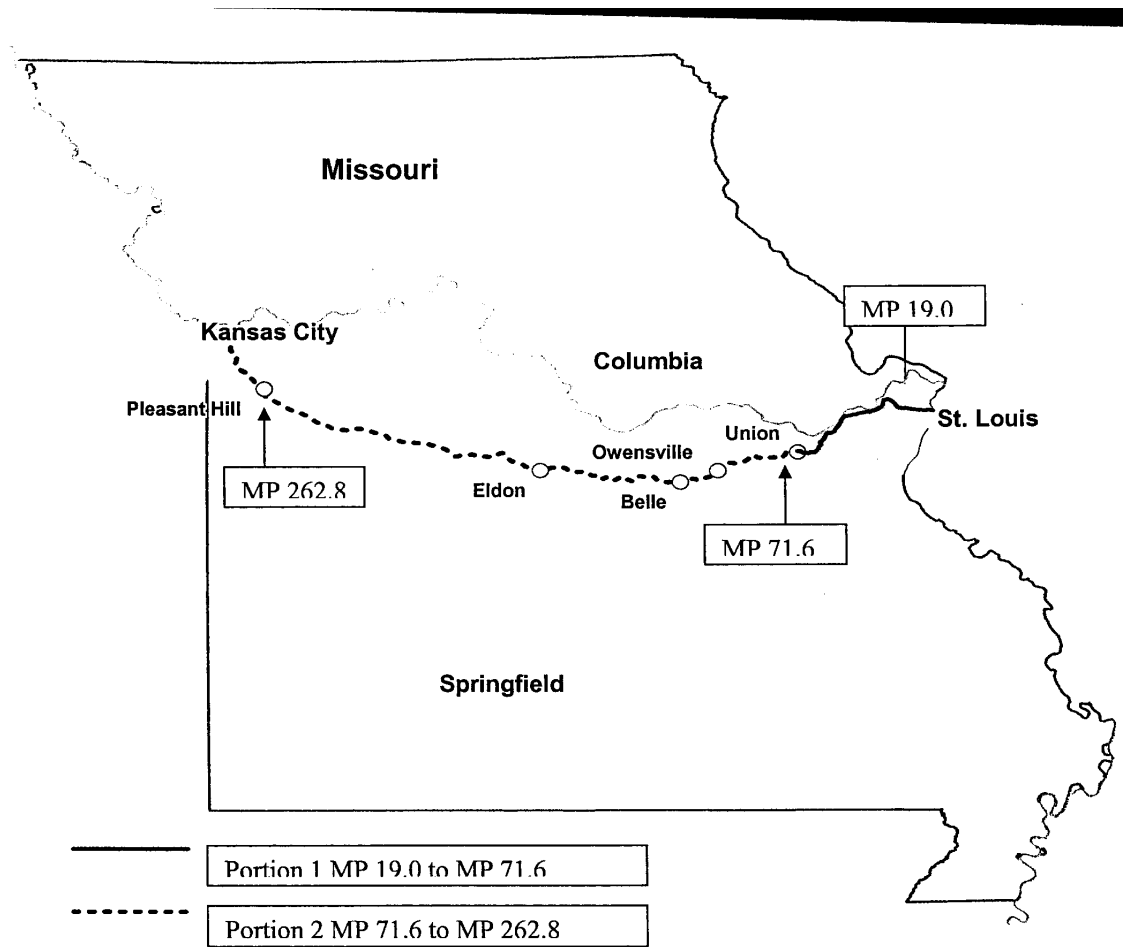


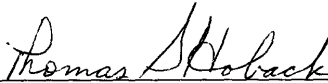
Exhibit A
Map of Leased Track

List of Counties

St. Louis
Franklin
Gasconade
Osage
Maries
Miller
Morgan
Benton
Henry
Johnson
Cass

Exhibit No. 2
(Certification Regarding Revenues)

I hereby certify that the projected annual revenue of Central Midland Railway Company when added to the projected annual revenue that Central Midland Railway Company will derive from the lease and operation of the subject properties, will not result in Central Midland Railway Company becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier under the Surface Transportation Board's regulations.



Thomas G. Hoback, President
Central Midland Railway Company

Dated: 1/12/04

VERIFICATION
(28 USC 1746)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing Notice of Exemption for Lease and Operation is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this Notice of Exemption.



Thomas G. Hoback
President Central Midland Railway Company

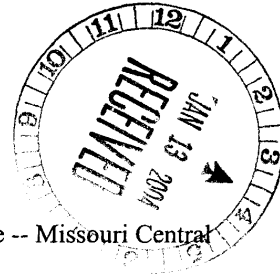
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Notice of Exemption

STB Finance Docket No. 34363

Central Midland Railway Company -- Exemption Lease and Operate -- Missouri Central
Railroad Co. Lines in the State of Missouri



Central Midland Railway Company has filed a notice of exemption to lease and operate Missouri Central Railroad Co.'s line between Milepost 19.0 at West of Vigus, Missouri, and Milepost 262.8 at Pleasant Hill, Missouri. Comments must be filed with the Board and served on John Broadley, John H. Broadley & Associates, 1054 31st Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20007, Tel. 202-333-6025.

The notice is filed under 49 CFR 1150.41. If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. the filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.