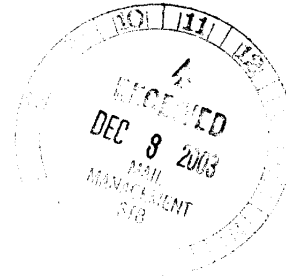




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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34432
Golden Isles Terminal Railroad, Inc. - - - Trackage Rights Exemption - - -
CSX Transportation, Inc.

Dear Sir:

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers ("BLE"), as the duly designated and recognized collective bargaining representative for the craft of locomotive engineers on CSX Transportation, Inc., desires to protest the above transaction.

The engine service employees represented by the BLE will be adversely affected by this transaction, which will allow Golden Isles Terminal Railroad access to the Savannah Yard and allow said carrier to provide terminal switching and other services for customers in the Georgia Ports Authority's Garden City Terminal Area. This transaction appears to be a part of a plan by CSX Transportation to dispose of its switching operations and yard facilities.

It is our understanding that the employees represented by this Organization affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in Norfolk and Western Ry. Co. - - Trackage Rights - - BN, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc. - - Lease and Operate, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

Very truly yours,

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