

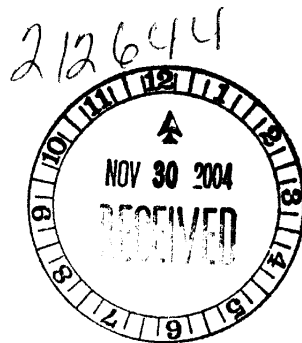
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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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**SURFACE
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Re: Finance Docket No. 34615, Patrick D. Broe and OmniTRAX, Inc. –
Continuance In Control Exemption – Alabama & Tennessee River Railway,
LLC.

Dear Secretary Williams:

Attached for filing are the original and ten copies of a Verified Notice of
Exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1180.2(d)(2), and a check covering the \$1,100 filing fee.

Please time and date stamp the extra copy of the Verified Notice of Exemption
and return it with our messenger.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

Karl Morell

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BEFORE THE
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FINANCE DOCKET NO. 34615

PATRICK D. BROE AND OMNITRAX, INC
--CONTINUANCE IN CONTROL EXEMPTION--
ALABAMA & TENNESSEE RIVER RAILWAY, LLC

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1180.2(d)(2)



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Attorney for Applicants

Dated: November 30, 2004

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VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1180.2(d)(2)

Patrick D. Broe ("Mr. Broe") and OmniTRAX, Inc. ("OmniTRAX") (collectively "Applicants") file this Notice of Exemption, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1180.2(d)(2), for Mr. Broe and OmniTRAX to continue in control of Alabama & Tennessee River Railway, LLC ("ATN"), a non-carrier, upon ATN becoming a Class III railroad. In support of this Notice of Exemption, the following information as required by 49 C.F.R. § 1180.4(g) is submitted:

Section 1180.6(a)

- (1) A description of the proposed transaction.
 - (i) A brief summary of the proposed transaction, the name of applicants, their business address, telephone number, and the name of counsel to whom questions regarding the proposed transaction can be addressed.

Mr. Broe is a non-carrier individual who directly controls OmniTRAX, a non-carrier company that currently controls ten (10) Class III railroads operating in six States. OmniTRAX also controls ATN. ATN, a Colorado Limited Liability Company, was formed for the purpose of leasing and operating certain rail lines owned by CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") in Alabama. Concurrently with the filing of this Notice of Exemption, ATN is filing a Notice of

Exemption in STB Docket No. 34611, Alabama & Tennessee River Railway, LLC – Lease Exemption – CSX Transportation, Inc., under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.31, to lease the CSXT rail lines. Upon consummation of the transaction in STB Finance Docket No. 34611, ATN will become a Class III carrier.

OmniTRAX also controls Chicago Rail Link, LLC (“CRL”), Georgia Woodlands Railroad, LLC (“GWRC”), Great Western Railway of Colorado, LLC (“GWR”), Great Western Railway of Iowa, LLC (“CBGR”), Manufacturers’ Junction Railway, LLC (“MJ”), Newburgh & South Shore Railroad Limited (“NSR”), Northern Ohio & Western Railway, LLC (“NOW”), Panhandle Northern Railroad, LLC (“PNR”), Alliance Terminal Railroad, LLC (“ATR”) and Fulton County Railway, LLC (“FCR”).¹

The rail lines operated by CRL, GWRC, GWR, CBGR, MJ, NSR, NOW, PNR, ATR and FCR do not connect with the rail lines being leased by ATN. The rail lines being leased by ATN are located in Alabama. None of the railroads controlled by OmniTRAX operates a rail line in Alabama.

Also, the involved transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the rail lines being leased by ATN with any railroad in the OmniTRAX corporate family. Finally, neither ATN nor any of the carriers controlled by OmniTRAX are Class I rail carriers. Accordingly, this transaction falls within the class of transactions described at 49 C.F.R. § 1180.2(d)(2), and exempt from prior approval by the Surface Transportation Board (“Board”).

The name and business address of Applicants are as follows:

Patrick D. Broe
252 Clayton Street

¹ OminTRAX will shortly be filing for authority to control a new carrier, Kettle Falls International Railway, LLC, that is acquiring and leasing rail lines in the state of Washington.

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OmniTRAX, Inc.
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Suite 250
Denver, CO 80209

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Fulton County Railway, LLC
50 South Steele Street
Suite 250
Denver, CO 80209

Alliance Terminal Railroad, LLC
50 South Steele Street
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Denver, CO 80209

Chicago Rail Link, LLC
2728 E. 104th Street
Chicago, IL 60617

Georgia Woodlands Railroad, LLC
210 Depot Street
P.O. Box 549
Washington, GA 30673

Great Western Railway of Colorado, LLC
P.O. Box 537
950 Taylor Avenue
Loveland, CO 80538

Great Western Railway of Iowa, LLC
200 29th Avenue
Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Manufacturers' Junction Railway, LLC
2335 S. Cicero Avenue
Cicero, IL 60804

Newburgh & South Shore Railroad Limited
4200 East 71st Street
Cleveland, OH 44105

Northern Ohio & Western Railway, LLC
729 North County Road 11
Tiffin, OH 44883

Panhandle Northern Railroad, LLC
100 East Grand
Borger, TX 79007

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- (ii) The proposed time schedule for consummation of the proposed transaction.

Applicants intend to consummate this transaction on or shortly after December 31, 2004.

- (iii) The purpose sought to be accomplished by the proposed transaction.

Applicants intend to reduce overhead expenses, coordinate billing, maintenance, mechanical and personnel policies and practices of its rail carrier subsidiaries and thereby improve the overall efficiency of rail service provided by the eleven railroads.

- (5) A list of the State(s) in which any part of the property of each applicant carrier is situated.

CRL's lines are located in Illinois.

GWRC's line is located in Georgia.

GWR's lines are located in Colorado.

CBGR's lines are located in Iowa.

MJ's lines are located in Illinois.

NSR's lines are located in Ohio.

NOW's line is located in Ohio.

PNR's line is located in Texas.

ATR's lines are located in Texas.

FCR's lines are located in Georgia.

Upon leasing the CSXT rail lines, ATN will lease and operate rail lines in Alabama.

(6) Map.

Maps illustrating the rail lines of CRL, GWRC, GWR, CBGR, MJ, NSR, NOW, PNR, ATR and FCR and the rail lines to be leased by ATN are attached as Exhibit 1.

(7)(ii) Agreement.

Applicants will not enter into any agreement, or sign any written instrument, to continue in control of ATN.

Because CRL, GWRC, GWR, CBGR, MJ, NSR, NOW, PNR, ATR and FCR are Class III carriers and ATN will become a Class III rail carrier upon the lease of the CSXT rail lines, no labor protection may be imposed on this transaction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 11326(c).

ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC IMPACTS

Applicants will continue to control ATN for the purpose of continued rail operations where further Board approval is required to abandon or discontinue any service, and there are no plans to dispose of or alter properties subject to the Board's jurisdiction that are 50 years old or older.

Hence, this Notice of Exemption does not require an historic report under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(b)(1).

Applicants' continuance in control of ATN will not result in significant changes in carrier operations. There will not be a diversion of: (1) more than 1,000 rail carloads a year to motor carriage; or (2) an average of 50 carloads per mile per year for any part of these lines to motor carriage. This transaction will not result in: (1) an increase in rail traffic of at least 100 percent or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of the lines; (2) an increase of rail yard activity of at least 100 percent; or (3) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day. This transaction will not affect a Class I or nonattainment area under the Clean Air Act. In any event, the thresholds of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(5)(ii) will not be exceeded. Finally, this transaction does not contemplate the transportation of any ozone depleting materials. Therefore, no environmental documentation is required under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.6(c)(2).

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attorney for:
Applicants

Dated: November 30, 2004

VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO

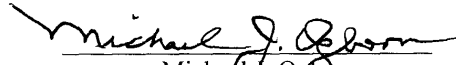
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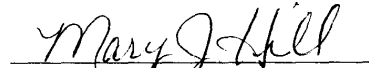
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I, Michael J. Ogborn, being duly sworn depose and state that I am Secretary of OmniTRAX, Inc., that I am authorized to make this verification, and that I have read the foregoing Notice of Exemption and know the facts asserted therein are true and accurate as stated to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.


Michael J. Ogborn

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 22 day of November, 2004,
in the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado.

My Commission Expires: 11/01/08

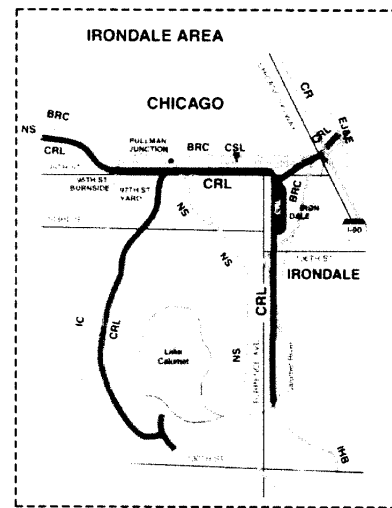
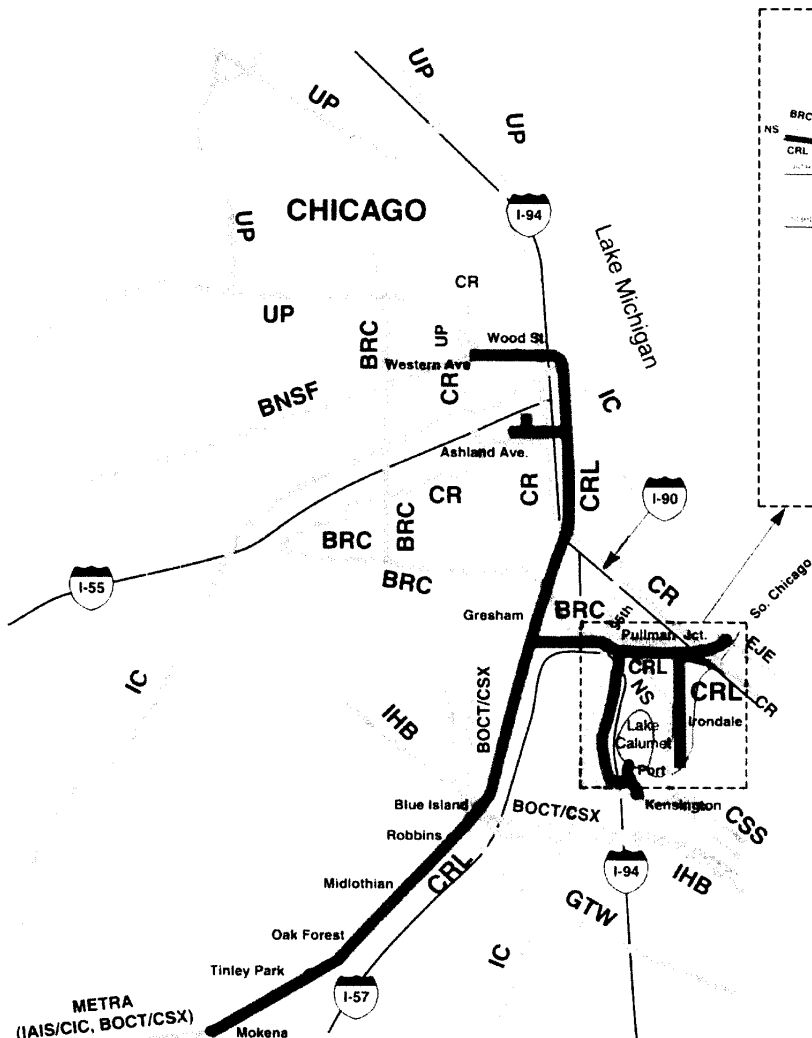

Notary Public



My Commission Expires 11/01/2008

EXHIBIT 1

CHICAGO RAIL LINK

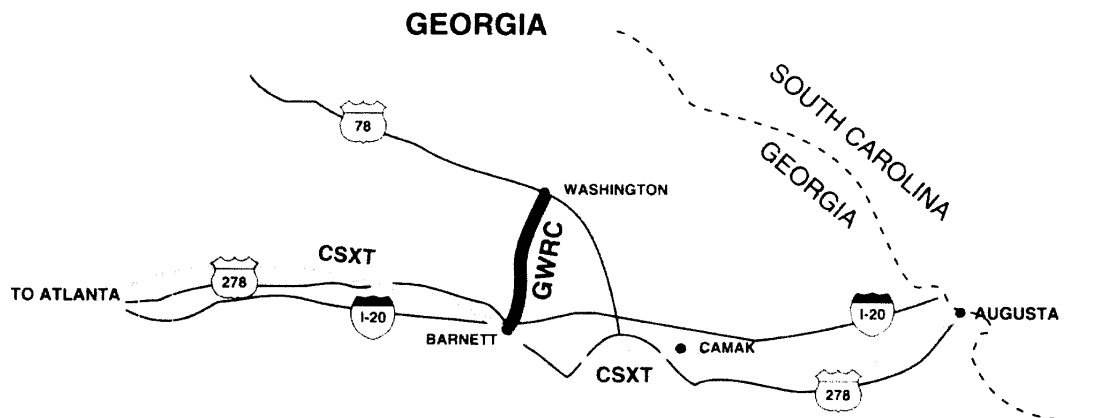


- CHICAGO RAIL LINK (CRL)**
- INTERCHANGE POINTS:**
- BALTIMORE & OHIO CHICAGO TERMINAL/CSX TRANSPORTATION (BOCT/CSXT)
Blue Island
 - BELT RAILWAY OF CHICAGO(BRC)
South Chicago
 - BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE (BNSF)
Western Ave.
 - CEDAR RAPIDS & IOWA CITY (CIC)
Blue Island
 - CHICAGO SHORT LINE (CSL)
South Chicago
 - CHICAGO SOUTHSORE & SOUTH BEND (CSS)
Kensington
 - CONRAIL (CR)
Colehour Yard
 - ELGIN, JOLIET & EASTERN (EJE)
South Chicago
 - ILLINOIS CENTRAL (IC)
94th Street
 - INDIANA HARBOR BELT (IHB)
Blue Island
 - IOWA INTERSTATE (IAIS)
Blue Island
 - NORFOLK SOUTHERN (NS)
Pullman Jct.
- In addition to the above, CRL interchanges with the following railroads in Chicago via the BRC and/or IHB
- CANADIAN NATIONAL (CN)
 - CANADIAN PACIFIC (CP)
 - CHICAGO CENTRAL & PACIFIC (CC)
 - GRAND TRUNK WESTERN (GTW)
 - UNION PACIFIC (UP)
 - WISCONSIN CENTRAL (WC)



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GEORGIA WOODLANDS
RAILROAD



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GEORGIA WOODLANDS RAILROAD (GWRC)

INTERCHANGE POINTS:

CSX TRANSPORTATION (CSXT)
Barnett

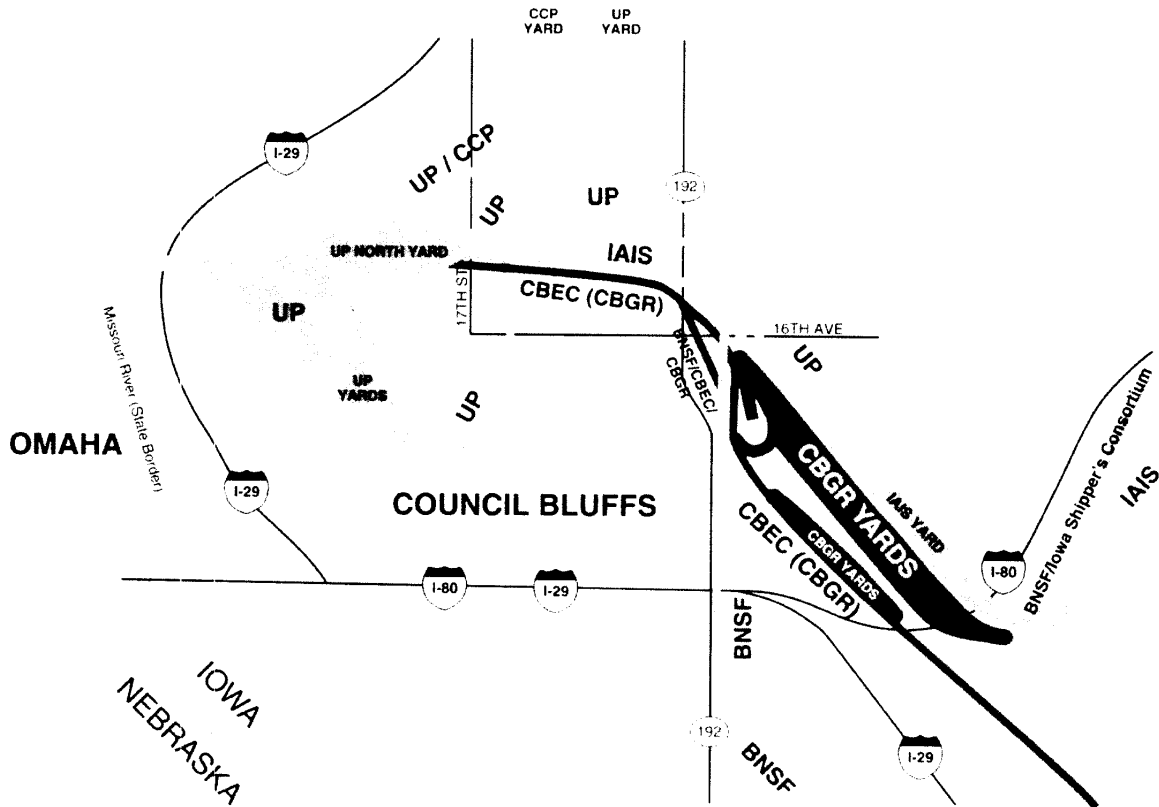
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GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IOWA



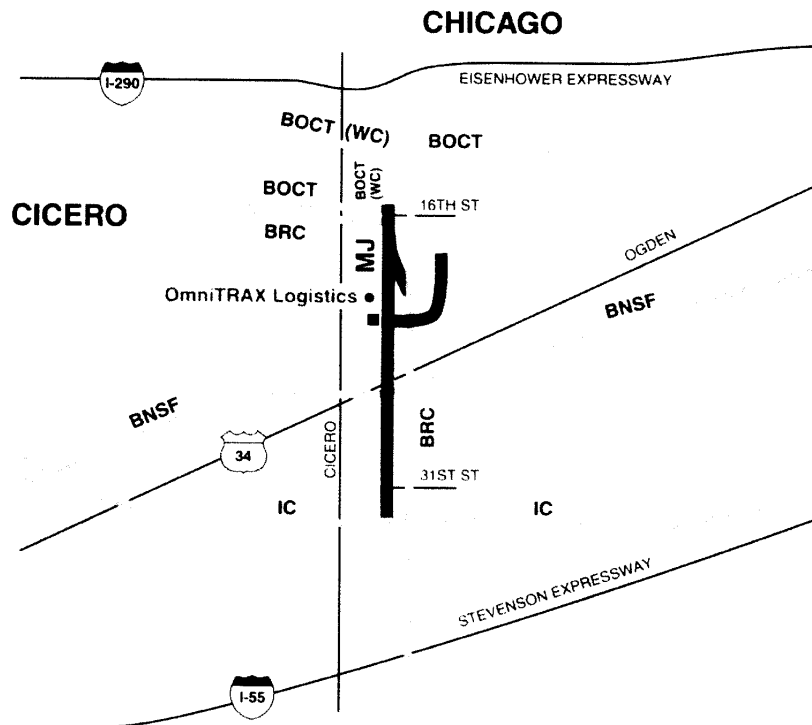
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— GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IOWA (CBGR)

INTERCHANGE POINTS:

- BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE (BNSF)
16th Avenue
- CHICAGO, CENTRAL & PACIFIC (CCP)
17th Street (UP North Yard)
- CBEC RAILWAY COMPANY (CBEC)
CBGR Yards
- IOWA INTERSTATE (IAIS)
17th Street (UP North Yard)
- UNION PACIFIC (UP)
17th Street (UP North Yard)

**MANUFACTURERS'
JUNCTION RAILWAY**



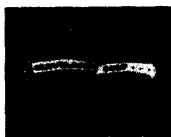
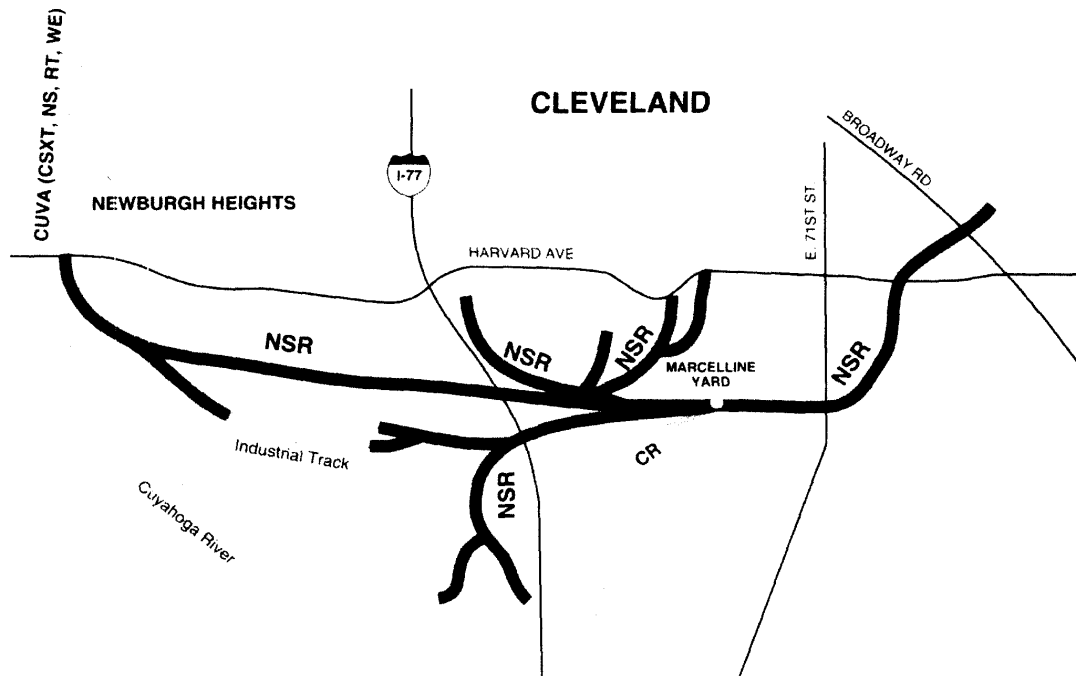
- MANUFACTURERS' JUNCTION RAILWAY (MJ)
- LOCOMOTIVE REHABILITATION CENTER

INTERCHANGE POINTS:

- BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE (BNSF)
Cicero
- BELT RAILWAY CO. OF CHICAGO (BRC)
Cicero
- BALTIMORE & OHIO CHICAGO TERMINAL/CSX
TRANSPORTATION (BOCT/CSXT)
Cicero
- ILLINOIS CENTRAL (IC)
Cicero
- WISCONSIN CENTRAL (WC)
Cicero

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**NEWBURGH & SOUTH SHORE
RAILROAD**



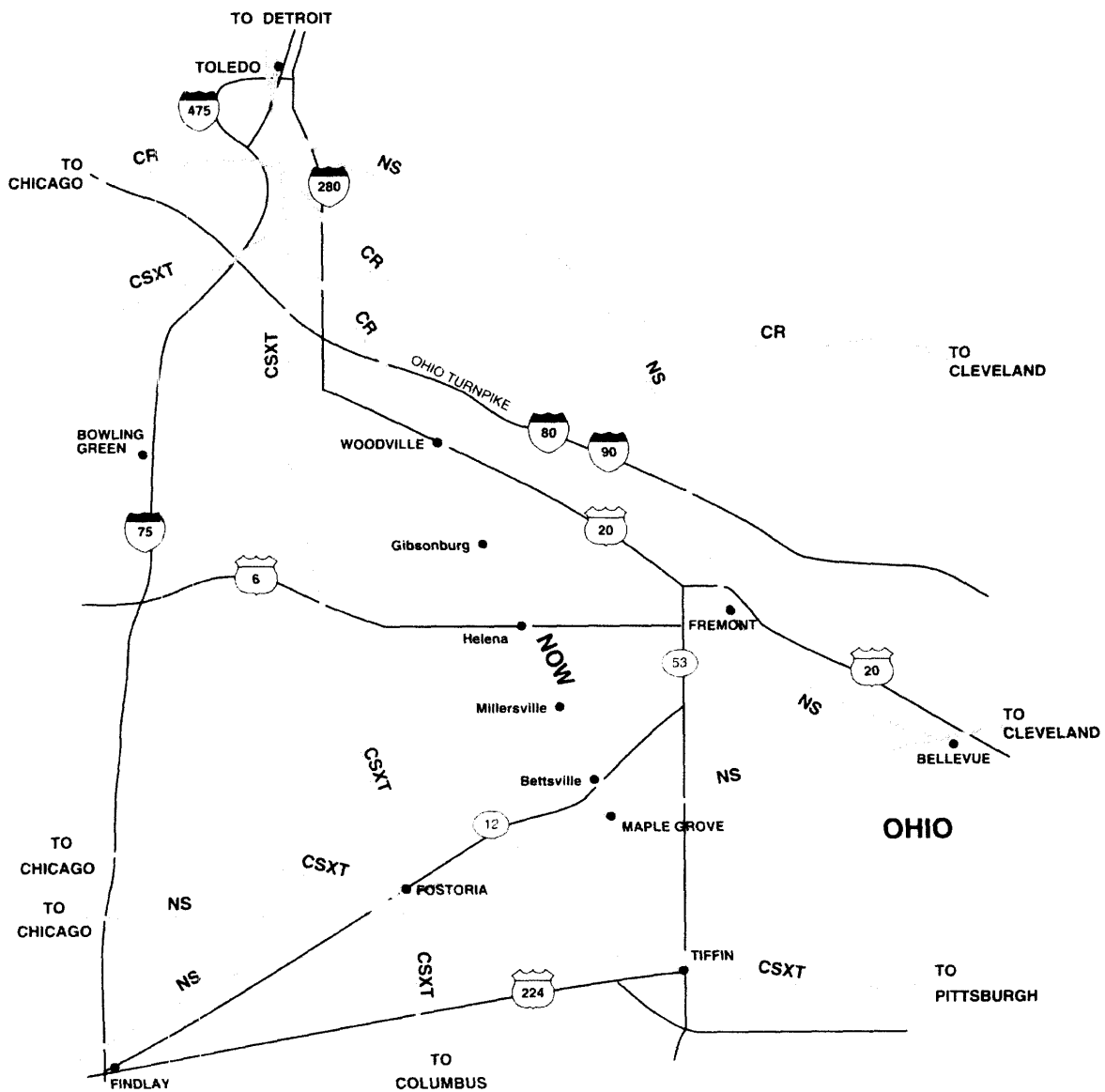
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NEWBURGH & SOUTH SHORE RAILROAD (NSR)

INTERCHANGE POINTS:

- CONRAIL (CR)
at Marcelline Yard (Cleveland)
- CSX TRANSPORTATION (CSXT)
through CUYA at Harvard Avenue (Newburgh Heights)
- CUYAHOGA VALLEY RAILWAY (CUVA)
at Harvard Avenue (Newburgh Heights)
- NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY (NS)
at Marcelline Yard (Cleveland)
- RIVER TERMINAL RAILWAY (RT)
via CUYA at Harvard Avenue (Newburgh Heights)
- WHEELING & LAKE ERIE (WE)
through CUYA at Harvard Avenue (Newburgh Heights)

NORTHERN OHIO & WESTERN RAILWAY



NORTHERN OHIO & WESTERN RAILWAY (NOW)

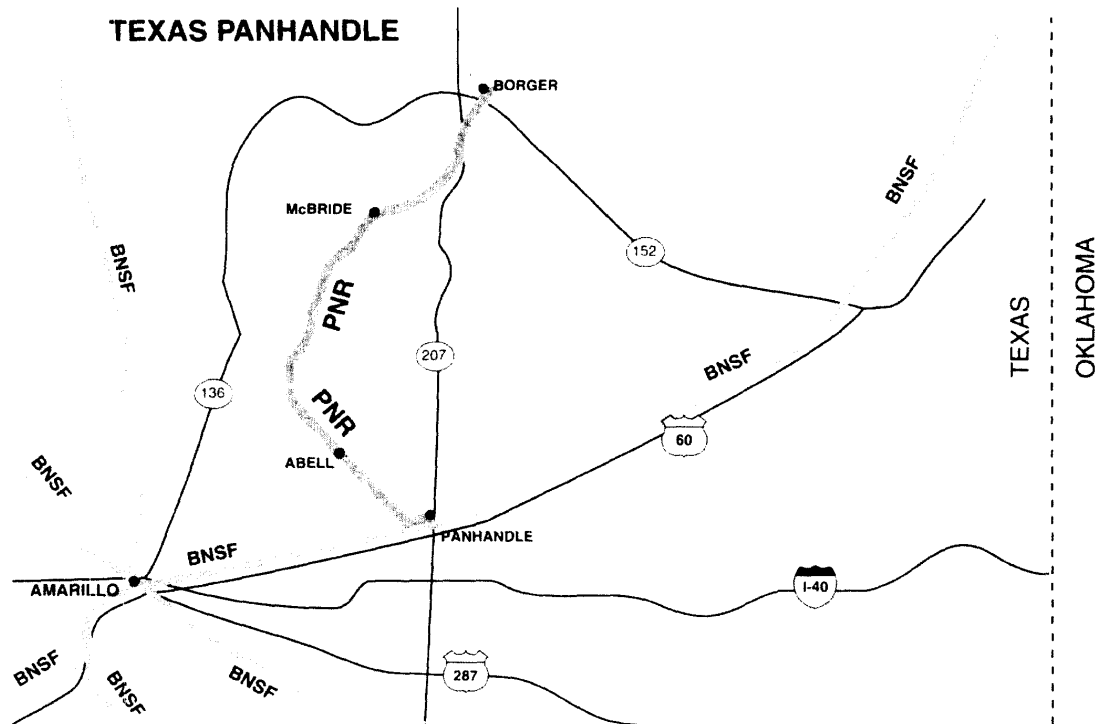
INTERCHANGE POINTS:

CONRAIL (CR)
Woodville

NORFOLK SOUTHERN (NS)
Maple Grove

CSX TRANSPORTATION (CSXT)
Tiffin

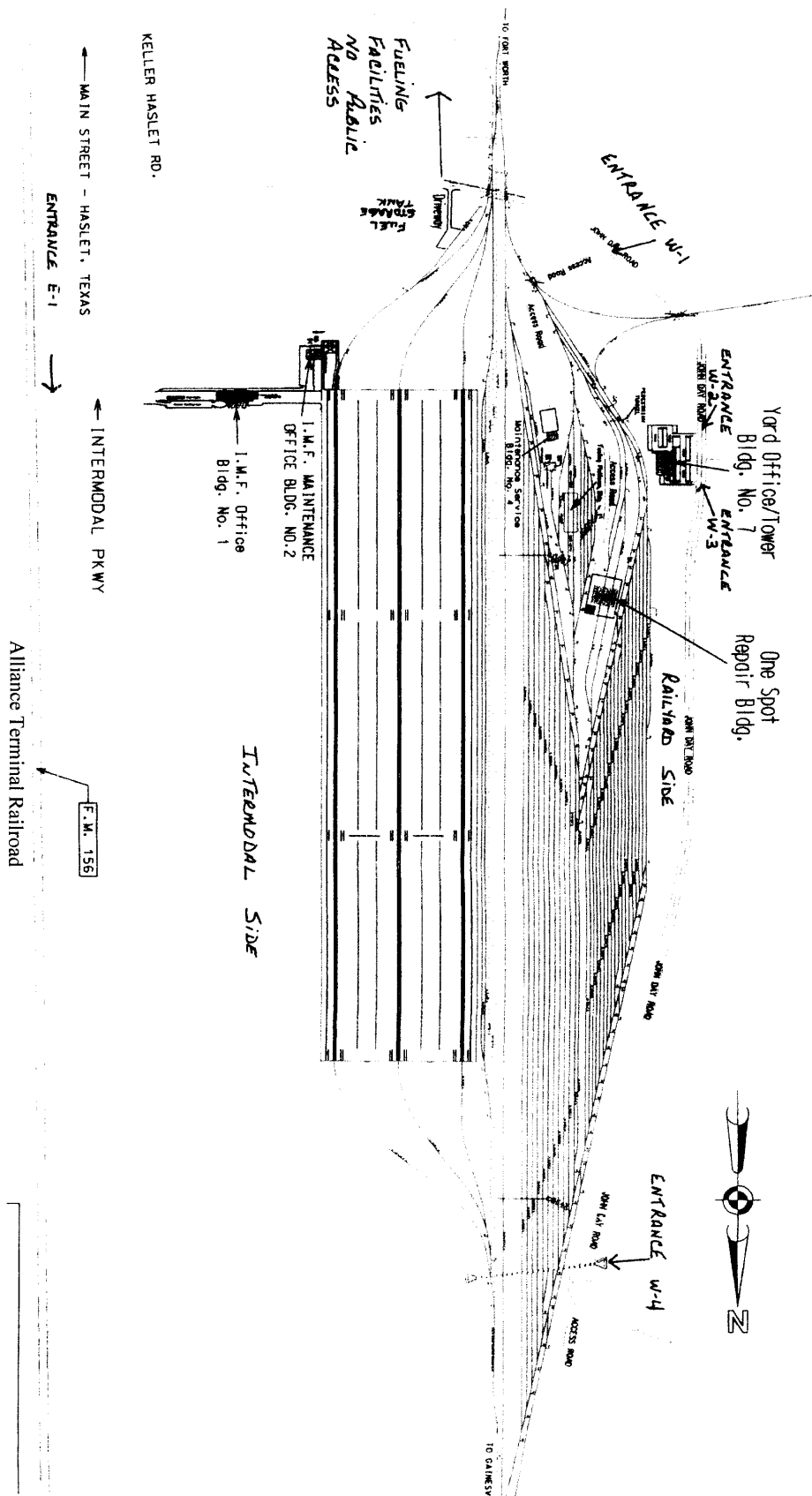
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PANHANDLE NORTHERN RAILROAD (PNR)

INTERCHANGE POINTS:

BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE (BNSF)
Panhandle



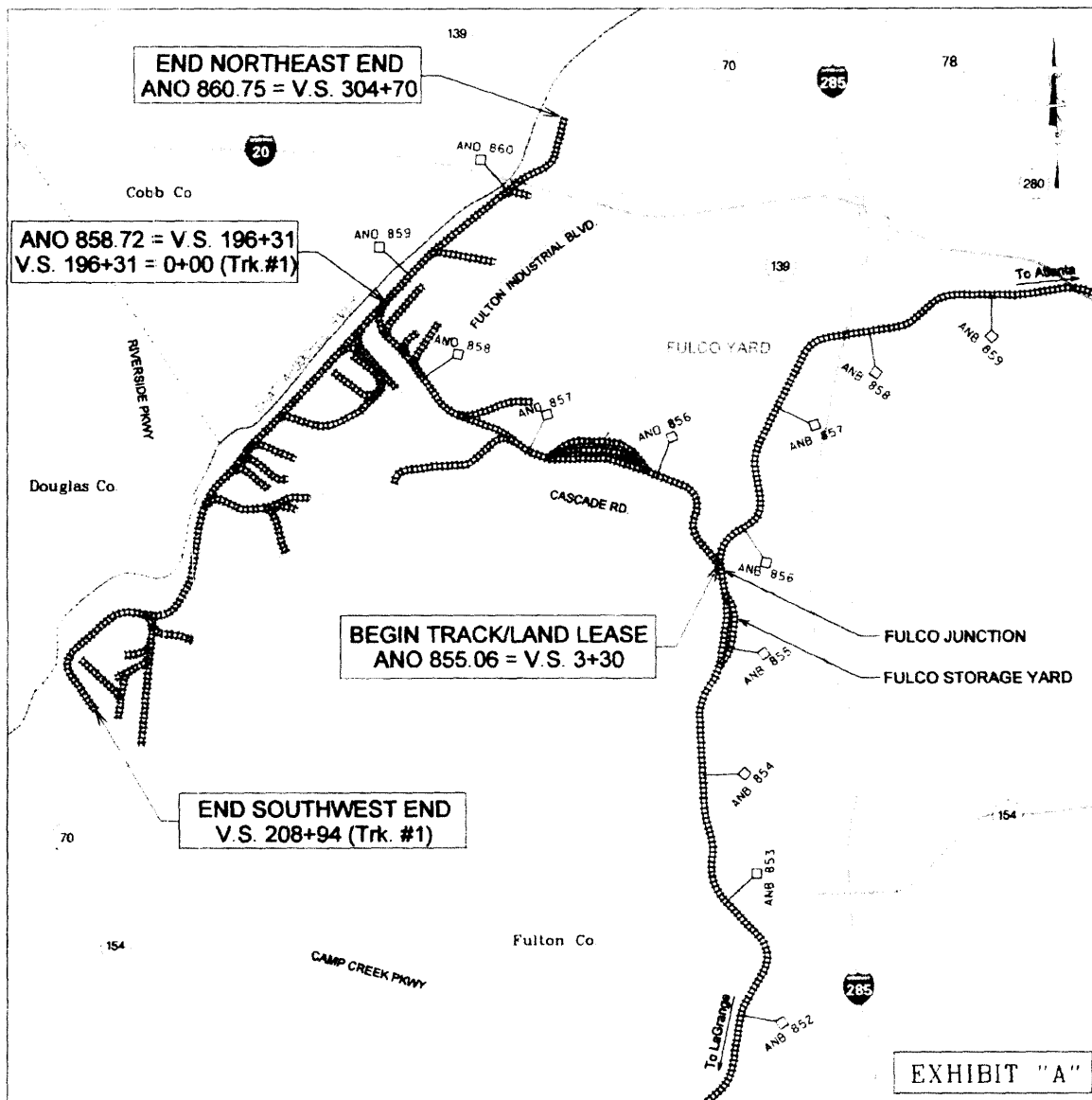


EXHIBIT "A"

LEGEND
PROPOSED LEASE
284 Acres (- - -) and
55 Miles of Track (---)
SOUTHERN REGION
ATLANTA DIVISION
FULCO BRANCH
3319' NORTH OF ANB 855
330' NW FROM P.S. w. "ANB" LINE

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CSX TRANSPORTATION

PROPOSED LEASE OF
FULCO BRANCH
TO FULTON COUNTY RAILWAY L.L.C.

City: Atlanta
County: Fulton
State: GA
Fips: 13-121-0211
Site ID: GA-121-0994800

VAL: V8GA/17-A,B,C
GIS: 07031 - 07033
Scale: 1" = 1 Mile
Date: 9/15/04
Drawn By: LF

