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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Finance Docket No. 36273, *Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, LLC --
Change of Operators Exemption -- Rail Line of Coahoma County, Mississippi*

Dear Ms. Brown:

This is responsive to a telephone inquiry on February 26 by a representative of the Office of Proceedings seeking additional information regarding a Verified Notice of Exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.31, *et seq.*, filed by Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, LLC (ROCK) on February 14, 2019.

Inquiry No. 1

Are Mississippi Delta Railroad and C&J Railroad Company, Inc. the same or different entities?

Answer No. 1

They are the same entity. C&J Railroad Company was incorporated in Mississippi on August 4, 2003 (copy of corporate record is attached). Mississippi Delta Railroad Company (MSDR) is a division of C&J Railroad company (see statement to that effect on a page from MSDR's website, attached). C&J Railroad Company is solely owned by Mr. Reggie Howell.

The matter is complicated by the fact that the owner of the Rail Line, Coahoma County, Mississippi, leased a portion of the line to Gulf & Ohio Railways, Ins., d.b.a., Mississippi Delta Railroad. *See* Docket No. FD No. 33975, *Gulf & Ohio Railways, Inc., d.b.a. Mississippi Delta Railroad -- Lease and Operation Exemption -- Lines of the County of Coahoma*, Notice of Exemption served January 4, 2001. Thus, it appears that Mississippi Delta Railroad was both a trade name of Gulf & Ohio Railways, Inc. and a division of C&J Railroad Company.

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It appears that 51.06 miles of the 61.3-mile Rail Line were authorized for abandonment in Docket Nos. AB-579X and AB-580X, *County of Coahoma Mississippi -- Abandonment Exemption in Tallahatchie and Coahoma Counties, MS, et al.*, decision served June 15, 2001. Rock does not know whether that abandonment was timely consummated, nor can Rock find a decision or notice where C&J Railroad Company was authorized to operate the Rail Line in lieu of Gulf & Ohio Railways, Inc.

In view of the foregoing, the description of the proposed transaction should be amended to provide that the rail Line is owned by Coahoma County, Mississippi; that the Line is currently leased to the Mississippi Delta Railroad division of C&J Railroad Company; and that Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, LLC proposes to lease the Rail Line from Coahoma County, Mississippi and operate it.

Inquiry No. 2

In view of Coahoma County's residual common carrier operating authority and obligation, should the transaction be correctly captioned as a Lease and Operation Exemption instead of a change of Operators Exemption?

Answer to Inquiry 2

Yes.

Very truly yours,



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C&J RAILROAD COMPANY

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[C&j Railroad Company](#) is a Mississippi Profit Corporation filed on August 4, 2003. The company's filing status is listed as Good Standing and its File Number is [737271](#).

The Registered Agent on file for this company is Reggie Howell and is located at 421 Martin Luther King Blvd, Clarksdale, MS 38614. The company's principal address is 111 Quartermaster Court, Jeffersonville, IN 47130.

The company has 1 principal on record. The principal is Reggie Howell from Jeffersonville IN.

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Company Information

Company Name: [C&J RAILROAD COMPANY](#)

File Number: [737271](#)

Filing State: Mississippi (MS)

Domestic State: Indiana (IN)

Filing Status: Good Standing

Filing Date: August 4, 2003


Company Age: 15 Years, 6 Months

Registered Agent:  Reggie Howell
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