

section 10 are classified to section 909 of this title. Subsec. (h) of section 10 amended section 231f(b)(7) of this title.

Section 910 of this title, referred to in subsec. (a), was repealed by Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1144(b), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 669.

**§ 920. Continuation of service**

(a) Until the occurrence of an event described in subsection (b) of this section, the Milwaukee Railroad (1) shall maintain its entire railroad system, as it existed on October 15, 1979, (2) shall continue no less than the regular level of service provided by it as of that date, and (3) shall not embargo traffic (other than when necessitated by acts of God or safety requirements) or abandon or discontinue service over any part of its railroad system.

(b) The Milwaukee Railroad shall comply with the requirements of subsection (a) of this section until—

- (1) an employee or employee-shipper ownership plan is not submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission within the time period prescribed under section 905(a) of this title;
- (2) the proposed plan is found by the Commission not to be feasible or the Commission does not act within 30 days;
- (3) the proposed plan is found by the bankruptcy court not to be fair and equitable to the estate of the Milwaukee Railroad; or
- (4) the plan is not implemented within the time period prescribed under section 905(c) of this title.

(Pub. L. 96-101, §22, Nov. 4, 1979, 93 Stat. 746.)

**ABOLITION OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS**

Interstate Commerce Commission abolished and functions of Commission transferred, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 104-88, to Surface Transportation Board effective Jan. 1, 1996, by section 702 of Title 49, Transportation, and section 101 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as a note under section 701 of Title 49. References to Interstate Commerce Commission deemed to refer to Surface Transportation Board, a member or employee of the Board, or Secretary of Transportation, as appropriate, see section 205 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as a note under section 701 of Title 49.

**§ 921. Office of Rail Public Counsel**

The Office of Rail Public Counsel may appear and be heard in the case in the bankruptcy court involving the reorganization of the Milwaukee Railroad, for purposes of representing affected shippers, localities, and municipalities with respect to the proposed abandonment of any line of the Milwaukee Railroad.

(Pub. L. 96-101, §25, Nov. 4, 1979, 93 Stat. 747.)

**§ 922. Employee stock ownership plan for surviving portion of Milwaukee Railroad**

If an event described in section 920(b) of this title occurs, resulting in the survival of less than the entire Milwaukee Railroad system, then any relief provided for such surviving Milwaukee Railroad system under the Emergency Rail Services Act of 1970 [45 U.S.C. 661 et seq.] or any other Federal legislation shall be conditioned upon good faith efforts by the trustee or the Milwaukee Railroad, or both, to establish an

employee stock ownership plan which shall embrace the purchase or acquisition of qualifying employer securities of the Milwaukee Railroad equal in value to 25 per centum of the amount of such relief provided.

(Pub. L. 96-101, §26, Nov. 4, 1979, 93 Stat. 747.)

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

The Emergency Rail Services Act of 1970, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 91-663, Jan. 8, 1971, 84 Stat. 1975, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 15 (§661 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 661 of this title and Tables.

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**§ 1001. Congressional findings**

Congress hereby finds that—

- (1) uninterrupted continuation of services over Rock Island lines is dependent on adequate employee protection provisions covering Rock Island Railroad employees who are not hired by other railroads;
- (2) for those Rock Island Railroad employees not hired by other rail carriers, there is no other practicable means of obtaining funds to meet the necessary costs of such employee protection that are assumed by the Rock Island Railroad;
- (3) a cessation of necessary operations of the Rock Island Railroad would have serious repercussions on the economies of the States in which such railroad principally operates; and
- (4) premature cessation of services over lines which are the subject of pending purchase application would result in harm to the shipping public and could imperil continuation of vital commuter service.

(Pub. L. 96-254, title I, §102, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 399.)

**SHORT TITLE**

Section 101 of title I of Pub. L. 96-254 provided that: "This title [enacting this chapter, amending sections 231f, 726, 825, 902, 911, 913, and 916 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note under this section] may be cited as the 'Rock Island Railroad Transition and Employee Assistance Act'."

**SAVINGS PROVISION**

Section 125, formerly §124, of title I of Pub. L. 96-254, renumbered Pub. L. 96-448, title VII, §701(a)(1), Oct. 14,