

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-210, §804, redesignated existing provisions as par. (1) and inserted provision relating to applicability to a railroad in reorganization in the region, or of a person leased, operated, or controlled by such a railroad, in subpar. (B) inserted provision relating to notice on the date of any conveyance ordered by the special court, and in subpar. (C) inserted requirement that notice be sent to the Commission and substituted reference to the chief executive officer for reference to the Governor, and added par. (2).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-210, §804, in par. (1) inserted exception of subsecs. (c) and (f) of this section and substituted provisions requiring notice to be sent to any person (including a government entity), for provisions requiring notice to be sent to all those required to receive notice, in par. (2) substituted “240” for “180”, and added par. (3).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-210, §804, substituted provisions relating to continuation of rail services and applicability of rail service continuation payments to such continuation, for provisions relating to limitations of Interstate Commerce Act, State constitution or law, or decision of Federal or State court or agency on power to discontinue rail service and abandon rail properties and applicability of rail service continuation subsidies on such power.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 94-210, §804, added subsec. (d). Former subsec. (d) redesignated (f) and amended.

Subsec. (d)(4). Pub. L. 94-555, §205(a), added par. (4).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 94-210, §§607(i), 804, added subsec. (e). Former subsec. (e) redesignated (g) and amended.

Subsec. (e)(5)(D). Pub. L. 94-555, §205(b), redesignated former subpar. (C) as (D) and added subpar. (C).

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 94-210, §804, redesignated former subsec. (d) as (f) and substituted provisions relating to rail service continuation payments, for provisions relating to rail service continuation subsidies. Former subsec. (f) redesignated (h) and amended.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 94-210, §804, redesignated former subsec. (e) as (g) and inserted reference to any subsidiary of a Corporation and provision relating to demonstration by the Corporation, etc., that no State (or local or regional transportation authority) will offer a continuation payment under subsec. (c) of this section.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 94-210, §804, redesignated former subsec. (f) as (h), substituted “February 5, 1976, and prior to the date of conveyance (pursuant to section 743(b)(1) of this title)” for “January 2, 1974” and “reorganization in the region may” for “reorganization may”, and made minor changes in structure.

Subsecs. (i), (j). Pub. L. 94-210, §804, added subsecs. (i) and (j).

Subsec. (j)(1). Pub. L. 94-555, §206(1), inserted limitation “by rail” to mass transportation services, and provided that any local body providing mass transportation services by rail is exempted from the rules, regulations, and orders promulgated under the Interstate Commerce Act, if interstate fares or application to the Interstate Commerce Commission for a change in such fares is subject to the approval or disapproval of the Governor of any state in which it provides services.

Subsec. (j)(2)(B). Pub. L. 94-555, §206(2), substituted definition of “mass transportation services” for “mass transportation”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 104-287, §6(f)(4)(A), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3399, provided that the amendment made by section 6(f)(4)(A) is effective Dec. 29, 1995.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1995 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-88 effective Jan. 1, 1996, see section 2 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as an Effective Date note under section 701 of Title 49, Transportation.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-555 effective Oct. 1, 1976, see section 303 of Pub. L. 94-555, set out as a note under section 702 of this title.

ABOLITION OF SPECIAL COURT, REGIONAL RAIL REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1973, AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Special court abolished and all jurisdiction and functions transferred to United States District Court for District of Columbia, see section 719(b)(2) of this title.

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.

ABOLITION OF UNITED STATES RAILWAY ASSOCIATION AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS AND SECURITIES

See section 1341 of this title.

APPLICABILITY OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Application of National Environmental Policy Act to actions of Commission not affected by title VI of Pub. L. 94-210, see section 619 of Pub. L. 94-210, set out as a note under section 791 of this title.

§ 744a. End of Conrail commuter service obligation

Notwithstanding any other provision of law or contract, Conrail shall be relieved of any legal obligation to operate commuter service on January 1, 1983.

(Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1136, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 647.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 and also as part of the Northeast Rail Service Act of 1981, and not as part of the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973 which comprises this chapter.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Aug. 13, 1981, see section 1169 of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as a note under section 1101 of this title.

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION TO FACILITATE TRANSFER OF RAIL COMMUTER SERVICE FROM CONRAIL TO OTHER OPERATORS; STANDARDS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS

Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1139(b), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 652, as amended by Pub. L. 97-468, title V, §504(a), Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2552, provided that:

“(1) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary not to exceed \$50,000,000, to facilitate the transfer of rail commuter services from Conrail to other operators. The Secretary shall by regulation prescribe standards for the obligation of such funds, and shall ensure that distribution of such funds is equitably made between Amtrak Commuter and the commuter authorities that operate commuter service. In providing for the distribution of such funds, the Secretary shall consider any particular adverse financial impact upon any commuter authority that results from the termination of any lease or agreement between such commuter authority and Conrail. Amounts appropriated under this section are authorized to remain available until October 1, 1986.

“(2) Any funds appropriated under the authority of this subsection shall be distributed by the Secretary to

Amtrak Commuter and commuter authorities according to the statutory provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection within 60 days after receipt of an application by Amtrak Commuter or such commuter authorities or within 60 days after the date of enactment of the Rail Safety and Service Improvement Act of 1982 [Jan. 14, 1983], whichever is later.”

§ 745. Continuing reorganization; supplemental transactions

(a) Proposals

If the Secretary or the Association determines that, as part of continuing reorganization, further restructuring of rail properties in the region through transactions supplemental to the final system plan would promote the establishment and retention of a financially self-sustaining rail service system in the region adequate to meet the needs of the region, the Secretary or the Association, as the case may be, may develop proposals for such supplemental transactions as are necessary or appropriate to implement the needed restructuring. Transfers of rail properties included in proposals developed by the Association shall be limited to (1) rail properties which would have qualified for designation under section 716(c)(1)(A) of this title but which were not transferred or conveyed under the final system plan, and which the Association finds to be essential to the efficient operations of the Corporation, and (2) transfers, consistent with the final system plan, of rail properties from the Corporation to a subsidiary thereof. Each proposal (other than a proposal developed by the Association) shall be submitted in writing to the Association and shall state and describe any transactions proposed, the rail properties involved, the parties to such transactions, the financial and other terms of such transactions, the purposes of the chapter or the goals of the final system plan intended to be effectuated by such transactions, and such other information incidental thereto as the Association may prescribe. Within 10 days after receipt of a proposal developed by the Secretary, and upon the development of a proposal developed by the Association, the Association shall publish a summary of such proposal in the Federal Register, and shall afford interested persons (including the Corporation when property is to be transferred to or from the Corporation) an opportunity to comment thereon.

(b) Evaluation by Association

The Association shall analyze each proposal containing one or more supplemental transactions, taking into account the comments of interested persons and statements and exhibits submitted at any public hearings which may have been held. The Association shall, within 120 days after the publication of a summary thereof under subsection (a) of this section, publish in the Federal Register a report evaluating such proposal. Such evaluation shall state whether the supplemental transactions contained in such proposal, considered in their entirety, are (1) in the public interest and consistent with the purposes of this chapter and the goals of the final system plan, and (2) fair and equitable. If the Corporation opposes, or seeks modification of, any such proposed transfer, its written com-

ments shall be given due consideration by the Association and shall be published as part of the evaluation. Within 30 days after the Association publishes its report, each proposed transferor or transferee shall notify the Association in writing as to whether any proposed supplemental transaction requiring the transfer of any property from or to such transferor or transferee is acceptable to such proposed transferor or transferee. If any such proposed transferor (other than the Corporation) or transferee fails to notify the Association that any proposed supplemental transaction requiring the transfer of any property from such transferor or to such transferee is acceptable to it, no further administrative or judicial proceedings shall be conducted with respect to such proposed supplemental transaction.

(c) Review by Commission

Within 90 days after the publication in the Federal Register of each report referred to in subsection (b) of this section, the Commission shall determine whether the supplemental transactions referred to in the report, considered in their entirety, would be in the public interest and consistent with the purposes of this chapter and the goals of the final system plan. In making such determination, the Commission shall give due consideration to the views received by it, within 30 days after the publication of the applicable report, from the Corporation and the Secretary. The Commission may condition its approval of such supplemental transactions on such reasonable terms and conditions as it may deem necessary in the public interest. The approval by the Commission of such supplemental transactions shall not be a prerequisite to the consummation of such transactions, but any determination of the Commission modifying, approving, or disapproving any proposed supplemental transactions shall be given due weight and consideration by the special court in the proceedings prescribed in subsection (d) of this section. If the Commission fails to act within the time period provided in this subsection, the supplemental transactions involved shall be deemed to have been approved by the Commission. The Commission may prescribe such regulations as may be necessary for the administration of this section.

(d) Special court proceedings

(1) If the Association has made the determination pursuant to subsection (b) of this section that a proposal for supplemental transactions is in the public interest and consistent with the purposes of this chapter and the goals of the final system plan, and is fair and equitable, the Association shall, within 40 days after the date of the Commission's determination under subsection (c) of this section, or after the expiration of the 90-day period referred to in such subsection (c) of this section, whichever is applicable, petition the special court for an order of such court finding that such proposal for supplemental transactions is in the public interest and consistent with the purposes of this chapter and the goals of the final system plan, and is fair and equitable, and directing the Corporation to carry out the supplemental transactions specified in such proposal. If the Association has de-