

- (24) section 797c of this title;
 (25) sections 797e(a), 797f, and 797g(a) of this title, but only insofar as they establish part of the prevailing status quo for the Corporation's employees' rates of pay, rules, and working conditions, such provisions to continue to apply unless changed pursuant to section 156 of this title;
 (26) section 797h of this title;
 (27) section 797i(b)(1) of this title;
 (28) section 797j of this title; and
 (29) section 797m of this title, but only with regard to disputes or controversies specified in such section that arose before the sale date.

(Pub. L. 93-236, title III, §301, Jan. 2, 1974, 87 Stat. 1004; Pub. L. 94-210, title VI, §§608, 611, 612(j)(1), (3), (m), Feb. 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 99, 105, 109, 110; Pub. L. 94-216, §1, 3, Feb. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 191; Pub. L. 94-248, §4, Mar. 25, 1976, 90 Stat. 286; Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1141, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 653; Pub. L. 99-509, title IV, §4032, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1906; Pub. L. 104-88, title III, §327(2), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 951.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (b), means the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, Pub. L. 93-236, Jan. 2, 1974, 87 Stat. 985, as amended, which is classified principally to this chapter (§701 et seq.). For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 701 of this title and Tables.

The Conrail Privatization Act, referred to in subsec. (k)(7), is subtitle A (§§4001-4052) of title IV of Pub. L. 99-509, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1892, which is classified principally to chapter 22 (§1301 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1301 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (b), "such Act and subtitle IV of title 49" substituted for "such Acts", on authority of Pub. L. 95-473, §3(b), Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1466, the first section of which enacted subtitle IV (§10101 et seq.) of Title 49, Transportation.

The last sentence of subsec. (f) of this section as originally enacted, which amended section 856 of former Title 31, Money and Finance, was repealed by Pub. L. 97-258, §5(b), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1068, the first section of which enacted Title 31.

AMENDMENTS

1995—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-88, §327(2), substituted "rail carrier subject to part A of subtitle IV of title 49" for "common carrier by railroad under section 1(3) of the Interstate Commerce Act (49 U.S.C. 1(3))".

1986—Subsec. (k). Pub. L. 99-509 added subsec. (k).

1981—Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 97-35, §1141(a), struck out provisions respecting resignations.

Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 97-35, §1141(b), substituted "The" for "In order to carry out the final system plan, the".

Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 97-35, §1141(c), substituted provisions relating to signal systems for provisions relating to corporate simplification.

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-210, §612(j)(1), inserted "or such other corporate name as may be duly adopted by the Corporation" after "Corporation".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-210, §612(j)(3), inserted "or of its principal railroad operating subsidiary" after "of the Corporation".

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-210, §611(a), designated existing provisions as par. (1), struck out provision relating to service of the incorporators as the Board of Directors, and added par. (2).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 94-210, §611(b), designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted provision relating to

applicability of State law, decreased membership from 15 to 13, and revised criteria for selection to membership, and added par. (2).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 94-210, §608, designated existing provisions as par. (1), substituted provisions authorizing issuance of debentures, series A preferred stock, series B preferred stock, common stock, contingent interest notes, and other securities, for provisions relating to issuance of stock and other securities, and added par. (2).

Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 94-248 inserted provisions relating to initial authorized number of shares of series B preferred stock and provisions setting such number at 35,000,000.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 94-210, §611(c), added subsec. (f). Former subsec. (f), which related to a Federal Government audit of the Corporation, was struck out.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 94-210, §611(c), added subsec. (g). Former subsec. (g) redesignated (h) "Annual report".

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 94-216, §1, redesignated subsec. (h) "Liability of directors" as (i).

Pub. L. 94-210, §§611(c), 612(m), redesignated former subsec. (g) as (h) "Annual report" and added subsec. (h) "Liability of directors".

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 94-216, §1, 3, redesignated former subsec. (h) "Liability of directors" as (i) and substituted "a director of the Association" for "a director of the Corporation". Former subsec. (i) redesignated (j).

Pub. L. 94-210, §612(m), added subsec. (i) "Corporate simplification".

Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 94-216, §1, redesignated former subsec. (i) "Corporate simplification" as (j).

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 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-35 effective Aug. 13, 1981, see section 1169 of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1101 of this title.

TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of provisions in subsec. (h) of this section relating to the requirement that the Corporation transmit an annual report to Congress, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and the 7th item on page 199 of House Document No. 103-7.

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 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.

§ 742. Powers and duties of Corporation

The Corporation shall have all of the powers and is subject to all of the duties vested in it under this chapter, in addition to the powers conferred upon it under the laws of the State or States in which it is incorporated and the powers of a railroad in any State in which it operates. The Corporation is authorized and directed to—

(a) acquire rail properties designated in the final system plan to be transferred or conveyed to it;

(b) operate rail service over such rail properties except as provided under sections 744(e) and 791(d)(3) of this title;

(c) rehabilitate, improve, and modernize such rail properties; and

(d) maintain adequate and efficient rail services.

So long as 50 per centum or more, as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, of the outstanding indebtedness of the Corporation consists of obligations of the Association or other debts owing to or guaranteed by the United States, the Corporation shall not engage in activities which are not related to transportation.

(Pub. L. 93-236, title III, §302, Jan. 2, 1974, 87 Stat. 1005.)

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

See section 1341 of this title.

§ 743. Valuation and conveyance of rail properties

(a) Deposit with court

Within 10 days after delivery of a certified copy of a final system plan pursuant to section 719(c) of this title—

(1) the Corporation, in exchange for the rail properties of the railroads in reorganization in the region and of railroads leased, operated, or controlled by railroads in reorganization in the region to be transferred to the Corporation or any subsidiary thereof, shall deposit with the special court all of the stock and other securities of the Corporation and certificates of value issued by the Association designated in the final system plan to be exchanged for such rail properties;

(2) each profitable railroad operating in the region and each state or responsible person (including a government entity) purchasing rail properties from a railroad in reorganization in the region, or from a railroad leased, operated, or controlled by a railroad in reorganization in the region, as provided in the final system plan shall deposit with the special court the compensation to be paid for such rail properties.

(b) Conveyance of rail properties

(1) The special court shall, within 10 days after deposit under subsection (a) of this section of the securities of the Corporation, certificates of value issued by the Association, and compensation from the profitable railroads operating in the region, States, and responsible persons, order the trustee or trustees of each railroad in reorganization in the region to convey forthwith to the Corporation or any subsidiary thereof, the respective profitable railroads operating in the region, States, and responsible persons all right, title, and interest in the rail properties of such railroad in reorganization and shall itself order the conveyance of all right, title, and interest in the rail properties of any person leased, operated, or controlled by such railroad in reorganization that are to be conveyed to them

under the final system plan as certified to such court under section 719(d) of this title. In any case where the special court orders the trustee or trustees of a railroad in reorganization in the region to execute and deliver deeds or other instruments conveying rail properties to the Corporation or a subsidiary thereof or to a profitable railroad operating in the region or a State or responsible person, those deeds or other instruments may be executed, acknowledged, and delivered on behalf of the trustee or trustees by any person or persons who have been duly authorized to perform such acts on behalf of the trustee or trustees by the district court of the United States or any other court having jurisdiction over the respective railroad in reorganization in the region. Notwithstanding any provision of State or local law, in any case where deeds or other instruments have been executed, acknowledged, or delivered by a representative of the trustee or trustees of a railroad in reorganization in the region in accordance with the previous sentence, such execution, acknowledgment, and delivery, and the deeds or other instruments to which they pertain, shall have the same legal effect as they would have had if the trustee or trustees had themselves executed, acknowledged and delivered such deeds or other instruments.

(2) All rail properties conveyed to the Corporation or any subsidiary thereof the respective profitable railroads operating in the region, States, and responsible persons under this section shall be conveyed free and clear of any liens or encumbrances, but subject to such leases and agreements as shall have previously burdened such properties or bound the owner or operator thereof in pursuance of an arrangement with any State, or local or regional transportation authority under which financial support from such State, or local or regional transportation authority was being provided on January 2, 1974, for the continuance of rail passenger service or any lien or encumbrance of no greater than 5 years' duration which is necessary for the contractual performance by any person of duties related to public health or sanitation. Such conveyances shall not be restrained or enjoined by any court.

(3)(A)(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if an interest in railroad rolling stock is included in the rail properties conveyed pursuant to subsection (b)(1) of this section, and if such conveyance is in accordance with the requirements of clause (ii) of this subparagraph, the conveyance of such properties shall be deemed an assignment. Any such assignment shall relieve the assignor of liability for any breach which occurs after the date of such conveyance, except that such assignor shall remain liable for any breach, event of default, or violation of covenant which occurred (and any charges or obligations which accrued) prior to the date of such conveyance, regardless of whether the assignee thereof assumes such liabilities, charges or obligations. If any such liabilities, charges, or obligations (accrued prior to the date of such conveyance) are paid by or on behalf of any person or entity other than such assignor, such person or entity shall have a claim to direct reimbursement, as a current