

(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

Pub. L. 96-254, title I, § 101, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 399, 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, 1980, 94 Stat. 1959, provided that: "If any provision of this title [see Short Title note above] or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this title and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby."

§ 1002. Definitions

As used in this chapter, the term—

(1) "bankruptcy court" means the court having jurisdiction over the reorganization of the Rock Island Railroad;

(2) "Board" means the Railroad Retirement Board;

(3) "Commission" means the Interstate Commerce Commission;

(4) "employee" includes any employee of the Rock Island Railroad as of August 1, 1979, but does not include any individual serving as president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, comptroller, counsel, member of the board of directors, or any other person performing such functions;

(5) the term "Rock Island Railroad" means the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company, the estate of such Company in its reorganization proceeding, or the trustee appointed in such proceeding; and

(6) the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Transportation.

(Pub. L. 96-254, title I, § 103, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 399; Pub. L. 96-448, title VII, § 701(b)(3), Oct. 14, 1980, 94 Stat. 1960.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original "this title", meaning title I (§ 101 et seq.) of Pub. L. 96-254, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 399, as amended, known as

the Rock Island Railroad Transition and Employee Assistance Act, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title I to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1001 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1980—Par. (5). Pub. L. 96-448 inserted ", the estate of such Company in its reorganization proceeding, or the trustee appointed in such proceeding" after "Railroad Company". The amendment was executed by inserting amendatory text preceding the semicolon instead of the period at end of par. (5) as directed to reflect the probable intent of Congress, in view of par. (5) being enacted without a closing period.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-448 effective Oct. 14, 1980, see section 710(d) of Pub. L. 96-448, set out as a note under section 1170 of Title 11, Bankruptcy.

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.

§ 1003. Service continuation

(a) Situations requiring directed service; time period

Notwithstanding the provisions of Public Law 96-131, the Commission shall order directed service for a period of not to exceed 90 days over any line of the Rock Island Railroad if the Secretary finds and certifies to the Commission that—

(1) a lack of rail service exists which cannot be resolved by a grant of interim operating authority over such line and grains or foods are ready to be shipped to market; or

(2) a lack of rail service exists which cannot be resolved by a grant of interim operating authority over such line and a rail carrier, shipper, State, or other interested party has expressed in writing to the Secretary an interest in purchasing, leasing, or rehabilitating the particular rail line or facility for purposes of providing rail services, and there is a reasonable expectation that such transaction will be consummated.

(b) Availability of funds

(1) Not more than \$15,000,000 of the funds available for expenditure by the Secretary out of the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Fund established under title V of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 (45 U.S.C. 821 et seq.) may be made available by the Secretary to the Commission for purposes of providing directed service under this section and section 916(b)¹ of this title.

(2) Funds may be made available for directed service under this section without regard to the findings of the Secretary required under title V of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory

¹ See References in Text note below.

Reform Act of 1976 [45 U.S.C. 821 et seq.], and section 516 of such Act (45 U.S.C. 836) shall not apply to any directed service provided with such funds.

(c) Continuation of compensation terms for trackage rights, joint facilities, etc.

The terms of compensation for all trackage rights, joint facilities, and similar arrangements between other rail carriers and the trustee of the Rock Island Railroad which are in effect on or after March 15, 1980, on portions of the lines of the Rock Island Railroad involved in temporary emergency operations shall be continued in effect during the duration of the temporary emergency operating authority with the carrier providing temporary emergency service substituting for the trustee, except where the Rock Island Railroad has been given more favorable treatment by virtue of its bankruptcy. Such continuation shall not alter or affect the ultimate rights of other rail carriers under trackage rights, joint facilities, or similar arrangements nor prejudice the ultimate determination of any controversy or proceeding concerning rights of the parties with regard to assignment by the trustee of rights in or to the facilities or under the arrangements.

(Pub. L. 96-254, title I, § 104, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 400; Pub. L. 104-88, title III, § 329(1), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 952.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Public Law 96-131, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 96-131, Nov. 30, 1979, 93 Stat. 1023, known as the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1980, which enacted provisions set out as notes under former section 851 of this title, section 92 of Title 14, Coast Guard, and section 106 and former section 10344 of Title 49, Transportation. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

The Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976, referred to in subsec. (b), is Pub. L. 94-210, Feb. 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 31, as amended. Title V of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 is classified generally to subchapter II (§821 et seq.) of chapter 17 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 801 of this title and Tables.

Section 916(b) of this title, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), was repealed by Pub. L. 104-88, title III, §328, Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 952.

AMENDMENTS

1995—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-88 substituted “the provisions of Public Law 96-131” for “the provisions of section 11125 of title 49 or Public Law 96-131”.

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.

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§ 1004. Railroad hiring

(a) Each person who is an employee of the Rock Island Railroad on August 1, 1979, and who, prior to January 1, 1984, is separated or furloughed (other than for cause) from his employment with such railroad, or from his employment with another rail carrier providing temporary service over lines of the Rock Island Railroad, as a result of a reduction of service by such railroad or such temporary service carrier shall, unless found to be less qualified than other applicants, have the first right of hire by any other rail carrier that is subject to regulation by the Commission for any vacancy that is not covered by (1) an affirmative action plan, or a hiring plan designed to eliminate discrimination, that is required by Federal or State statute, regulations, or Executive order, or by the order of a Federal or State court or agency, or (2) a permissible voluntary affirmative action plan. For purposes of this section, a rail carrier shall not be considered to be hiring new employees when it recalls any of its own furloughed employees.

(b) The rights afforded to Rock Island Railroad employees by this section shall be coequal to the rights afforded to Chicago, Milwaukee, Saint Paul and Pacific Railroad Company employees by section 907 of this title.

(Pub. L. 96-254, title I, § 105, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 400; Pub. L. 97-468, title II, § 236(b), Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2547.)

AMENDMENTS

1983—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-468 substituted “January 1, 1984” for “January 1, 1981”.

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EXEMPTION OF NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION IN HIRING QUALIFIED TRAIN AND ENGINE EMPLOYEES

Section inapplicable to National Railroad Passenger Corporation in hiring of qualified train and engine employees holding seniority rights to work in intercity rail passenger service in connection with the assumption by such Corporation of functions previously performed under contract by other carriers, see section 4011(c) of Pub. L. 99-272, set out as a note under section 797b of this title.

§ 1005. Employee protection agreement

(a) Authorization; time for agreement; use of funds

The Secretary and the representatives of the various classes and crafts of employees of the Rock Island Railroad shall, not later than 90 days after January 14, 1983, enter into an agreement providing protection for employees of the Rock Island Railroad who are adversely affected