

Rail Labor Organizations Operating Through the Railway Labor Executives' Association").

**(b) Filing of statement**

Any employee of the Rock Island Railroad who is entitled to receive assistance under this chapter shall, no later than 120 days after the effective date of any agreement entered into under section 1005(a) of this title or of any benefit schedule prescribed under section 1005(b) of this title, as the case may be, file a statement with the Board indicating whether such employee elects to receive (1) assistance under this chapter; or (2) any employee protection benefits otherwise available to such employee under the Bankruptcy Act, subtitle IV of title 49, or any applicable contract or agreement.

**(c) Effect on priority, timing, etc., of employee protection payments**

With regard to any employee who elects benefits under subsection (b)(2) of this section, nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to determine or otherwise affect the priority, status, or timing of payment of, or the liability for any claim for, employee protection which might have existed in the absence of this chapter.

**(d) Limitation on assistance eligibility**

An employee shall not be eligible to receive any assistance (other than moving expenses) under an employee protection agreement entered into or benefit schedule prescribed under section 1005 of this title or any new career training assistance under section 1014 of this title—

(1) during any period in which such employee is employed by any rail carrier providing temporary service over any lines of the Rock Island Railroad; or

(2) at any time after the date such employee receives an offer of employment, in his craft and for which such employee is qualified, from a rail carrier acquiring lines of the Rock Island Railroad.

(Pub. L. 96-254, title I, § 108, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 402; Pub. L. 96-448, title VII, § 701(b)(2), Oct. 14, 1980, 94 Stat. 1960; Pub. L. 97-468, title II, § 232, Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2547.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Bankruptcy Act, referred to in subsecs. (a) and (b), is act July 1, 1898, ch. 541, 30 Stat. 544, as amended, which was classified generally to former Title 11, Bankruptcy. The Act was repealed effective Oct. 1, 1979, by Pub. L. 95-598, §§ 401(a), 402(a), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2682, section 101 of which enacted revised Title 11. For current provisions relating to railroad reorganization, see subchapter IV (§ 1161 et seq.) of chapter 11 of Title 11.

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (b) and (c), 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

1983—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-468, § 232(1), substituted "entered into or benefit schedule prescribed" for "or arrangement entered into".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 97-468, § 232(2), substituted "120 days after the effective date of any agreement entered into under section 1005(a) of this title or of any benefit

schedule prescribed under section 1005(b) of this title, as the case may be" for "April 1, 1981".

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 97-468, § 232(1), substituted "entered into or benefit schedule prescribed" for "or arrangement entered into".

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-448 inserted reference to the agreement entered into in Washington on Mar. 4, 1980, and included the title of the agreement.

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.

**§ 1008. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-468, title II, § 234(a), Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2547**

Section, Pub. L. 96-254, title I, § 110, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 403; Pub. L. 96-448, title VII, § 701(a)(2), Oct. 14, 1980, 94 Stat. 1959, related to authorization, etc., for obligation guarantees.

**§ 1009. Expedited proceedings**

(a) The Commission shall give all proceedings involving the Rock Island Railroad preference over all other pending proceedings related to rail carriers and make all of its decisions at the earliest practicable time.

(b) The Commission shall, within 100 days of the filing of an application (or such shorter period as the court may set) pursuant to section 915 of this title, reach a decision on all proceedings filed after January 1, 1980, which involve a sale, transfer or lease of any line of the Rock Island Railroad to a solvent carrier.

(Pub. L. 96-254, title I, § 111, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 404.)

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 1302 of Title 49, Transportation, and section 101 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as a note under section 1301 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 1301 of Title 49.

**§ 1010. Applicability of National Environmental Policy Act and section 6362(b) of title 42**

The provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act [42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.] and section 6362(b) of title 42 shall not apply to transactions carried out pursuant to this chapter.

(Pub. L. 96-254, title I, § 113, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 405.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Environmental Policy Act, referred to in text, probably means the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Pub. L. 91-190, Jan. 1, 1970, 83 Stat. 852, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 55 (§ 4321 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4321 of Title 42 and Tables.

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 As-