

(2) On January 1, 1987, all powers, duties, rights, and obligations of such association relating to the Corporation under the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973 (45 U.S.C. 701 et seq.) shall be transferred to the Secretary of Transportation.

(3) The sole function of the United States Railway Association after January 1, 1987, shall be the termination of its affairs and the liquidation of its assets.

**(b) Transfer of securities and responsibilities**

(1) Any securities of the Corporation held by the United States Railway Association shall, upon<sup>1</sup> October 21, 1986, be transferred to the Secretary of Transportation.

(2) If, on the date the United States Railway Association is abolished under subsection (a), such association shall not have completed the termination of its affairs and the liquidation of its assets, the duty of completing such winding up of its affairs and liquidation shall be transferred to the Secretary of Transportation, who for such purposes shall succeed to all remaining powers, duties, rights, and obligations of such association.

**(c) Financing agreement**

(1) On January 1, 1987, the Amended and Restated Financing Agreement, dated May 10, 1979, between the United States Railway Association and the Corporation, together with any and all rights and obligations of or on behalf of any person with respect to such agreement, shall terminate and be of no further force or effect, except for those provisions specifying terms and conditions for payments made to the United States with respect to debentures, preferred stock, and contingent interest notes.

(2) Effective as of the sale date, those provisions of the Financing Agreement referred to in paragraph (1) shall terminate.

(Pub. L. 99-509, title IV, §4031, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1906.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, referred to in subsec. (a)(2), is Pub. L. 93-236, Jan. 2, 1974, 87 Stat. 985, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 16 (§701 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 701 of this title and Tables.

**§ 1342. Exemption from liability**

**(a) In general**

No person referred to in section 726(f)(8)(C)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this title shall be liable, for money damages or otherwise, to any party if, with respect to the subject matter of the action, suit, or proceeding, such person was fulfilling a duty, in connection with any action taken under this subchapter, which such person in good faith reasonably believed to be required by law or vested in such person.

**(b) Exception**

This section shall not apply to claims arising out of the Securities Act of 1933 [15 U.S.C. 77a et seq.], the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 [15

U.S.C. 78a et seq.], or the Constitution or laws of any State, territory, or possession of the United States relating to transactions in securities, which claims are in connection with a public offering under section 1312 of this title.

(Pub. L. 99-509, title IV, §4034, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1909.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Securities Act of 1933, referred to in subsec. (b), is act May 27, 1933, ch. 38, title I, 48 Stat. 74, as amended, which is classified generally to subchapter I (§77a et seq.) of chapter 2A of Title 15, Commerce and Trade. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 77a of Title 15 and Tables.

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934, referred to in subsec. (b), is act June 6, 1934, ch. 404, 48 Stat. 881, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 2B (§78a et seq.) of Title 15. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 78a of Title 15 and Tables.

**§ 1343. Charter amendment**

Within 60 days after October 21, 1986, the Corporation shall amend its Articles of Incorporation to contain the following provision, which provision shall not be subject to amendment or repeal:

“It shall be a fundamental purpose of the Corporation to maintain continued rail service in its service area.”.

(Pub. L. 99-509, title IV, §4035, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1909.)

**§ 1344. Status of Conrail after sale**

The Corporation shall be a rail carrier as defined in section 10102 of title 49, notwithstanding this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 99-509, title IV, §4036, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1909; Pub. L. 104-88, title III, §332, Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 953.)

AMENDMENTS

1995—Pub. L. 104-88 substituted “section 10102” for “section 10102(19)”.

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 1301 of Title 49, Transportation.

**§ 1345. Effect on contracts**

Nothing in this subchapter shall affect any obligation of the Corporation to carry out its transportation contracts and equipment leases, equipment trusts, and conditional sales agreements, in accordance with their terms.

(Pub. L. 99-509, title IV, §4037, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1909.)

**§ 1346. Resolution of certain issues**

**(a) Employee issues**

Section 4024 completely and finally—

(1) extinguishes all employee rights, and any obligation of the United States, under section 761(e)<sup>1</sup> of this title as in effect immediately before October 21, 1986;

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “on”.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.