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EMPLOYER STATUS DETERMINATION JUL 20 2000
Blasingame Brothers, Inc.

This is the determination of the Railroad Retirement Board concerning the status of Blasingame Brothers, Inc., as an employer under the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. § 231 et seq.) and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. § 351 et seq.).

Information regarding Blasingame was provided by John M. Blasingame, President of the company. Blasingame Brothers began doing business May 3, 1985. It currently reports that it has two employees.

Under a contract with Huntsville and Madison County Railroad Authority, a covered employer under the Acts since June 5, 1984 (BA number 3597), Blasingame operates a freight rail line of approximately 13.25 miles in Madison County, Alabama. The rail line interchanges with Norfolk Southern Corporation, a covered employer since June 1, 1982 (BA Number 9408).

The evidence of record establishes that Blasingame Brothers is a carrier operating in interstate commerce. Accordingly, it is determined that Blasingame Brothers is an employer within the meaning of section 1(a)(1)(i) of the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. § 231(a)(1)(i)) and the corresponding provision of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act as of May 3, 1985, the date as of which it commenced operations.

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