

**EMPLOYER STATUS DETERMINATION
CaterParrott Railnet, LLC (CPR)**

This is the determination of the Railroad Retirement Board concerning the status of CaterParrott Railnet, LLC (CPR), 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 CPR was provided by Chris Parrott, Co-CEO of CPR. According to Mr. Parrott, CPR is owned by himself and his Co-CEO, Jamie Cater. Operations began on June 3, 2012, and CPR has 3 employees. It operates 43 miles of track between Valdosta and Willacoochee, Georgia and serves 6 customers. Operations are weekly with annual car accounts anticipated at 200 yearly. It interchanges with Norfolk Southern Railway and 100% of its revenues are from Norfolk Southern for providing delivery of inbound and outbound rail cars. CPR operates the track by virtue of a sublease with Georgia and Florida Railway. CPR has no affiliated companies.

In Surface Transportation Board Finance Docket No. 35435, CPR filed a notice of exemption to sublease from Georgia & Florida Railway, LLC and operate approximately 43.2 miles of rail line between milepost 30.6, near Valdosta, and milepost 73.8 at Willacoochee, in Lowndes, Berrien, and Atkinson Counties, Georgia. CPR certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in CPR's becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier.

Section 1(a)(1) of the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. § 231(a)(1)), insofar as relevant here, defines a covered employer as:

- (i) any carrier by railroad subject to the jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board under Part A of subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code;

Sections 1(a) and 1(b) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. §§ 351(a) and (b)) contain substantially similar definitions, as does section 3231 of the Railroad Retirement Tax Act (26 U.S.C. § 3231).

The evidence of record establishes that CPR is a carrier operating in interstate commerce subject to STB jurisdiction. Accordingly, it is determined that CPR 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 June 3, 2012, the date it began operations.

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