BACKGROUND: As a result of decisions described in detail in H 405 regarding the establishment of certain categories of named entities, practices that had been in effect from 1973 to 1984 for establishing individually named railroads were changed. Railroads were made "Group 1" headings, and accordingly may be established only as name headings tagged 110. It was also decided that a corporate body name heading for a railroad may be assigned as a subject heading for works about the line even if it includes the word Company or its equivalent in any language. This instruction sheet describes the procedures to be followed to implement these decisions, as well as other more general considerations in assigning headings to works about individual railroads.

1. Assigning the heading for an individual railroad. If an AACR2 or RDA heading for an individual railroad has been established in the name authority file, assign it as established. If the heading is not established or is not coded as an AACR2 or RDA heading, establish it or change it as necessary.

2. Assigning additional headings to the work being cataloged. If the work deals only with administrative matters relating to the railroad company, such as business affairs, finances, personnel, etc., assign only the appropriate name heading as a subject. If, however, the work deals with the railroad as a physical entity, including the line, track, rolling stock, buildings associated with the railroad, etc., or if it deals with specific substantive aspects of the railroad, also assign the topical heading Railroads-[place] or a more specific heading of this type, such as Narrow gauge railroads-[place]. Bring out any specific topics by assigning additional headings, for example, Locomotives-[place]. Examples:

   Title: Annual report of the Board of Directors to the Stockholders of the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company.
   610 20 $a Pennsylvania Railroad $v Periodicals.
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Examples:  (Continued)

Title:  *The Ma & Pa: a history of the Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad*.
610 20 $a Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad Company $x History.
650 #0 $a Railroads $z Maryland $x History.
650 #0 $a Railroads $z Pennsylvania $x History.

Title:  *Rio Grande diesels: a pictorial history*.
610 20 $a Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company $x History $v Pictorial works.
650 #0 $a Railroads $z West (U.S.) $x History $v Pictorial works.
650 #0 $a Diesel locomotives $z West (U.S.) $x History $v Pictorial works.

Title:  *Steam on the SNCF*.
610 20 $a Société nationale des chemins de fer français.
650 #0 $a Railroads $z France.
650 #0 $a Steam locomotives $z France.

Title:  *The seashore’s finest train*.
650 #0 $a Blue Comet (Express train) $x History.
610 20 $a Central Railroad of New Jersey $x History.
650 #0 $a Railroads $z New Jersey $x History.

Title:  *A Catskill souvenir: scenes on the line of the Ulster and Delaware Railroad*.
651 #0 $a Catskill Mountains (N.Y.) $x Description and travel.
610 20 $a Ulster & Delaware Railroad.
650 #0 $a Railroads $z New York (State)

Title:  *Baltimore and Ohio Railroad employees: 1842 and 1852, 1855 and 1857*.
610 20 $a Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company $x Employees $x History $y 19th century.
650 #0 $a Wages $x Railroads $z United States $x History $y 19th century.
651 #0 $a Middle Atlantic States $v Genealogy.
651 #0 $a Virginia $v Genealogy.
651 #0 $a West Virginia $v Genealogy.
651 #0 $a Ohio $v Genealogy.