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**RAIL SERVICES PLANNING OFFICE SEEKS COMMENTS
ON CRITERIA FOR MAKING RAIL SERVICE
CONTINUATION SUBSIDY DECISIONS**

The Interstate Commerce Commission's Rail Services Planning Office today invited public comment on its approach to the development of criteria to assist States, and local and regional transportation agencies in the 17-State Midwest-Northeast region in deciding whether to provide subsidies to continue rail service that otherwise might be abandoned under a rail reorganization plan being prepared by the U. S. Railway Association.

Under the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, the Office is directed to:

***Assist States and local and regional transportation agencies in making determinations whether to provide rail service continuation subsidies to maintain in operation particular rail properties by establishing criteria for determining whether particular rail properties are suitable for rail service continuation subsidies. ***

The Office's approach to the development of such criteria is to identify the relevant factors, to explain the decision-making process and to discuss the alternatives available in a publication for the use of potential subsidizers. The notice sets forth these points in detail.

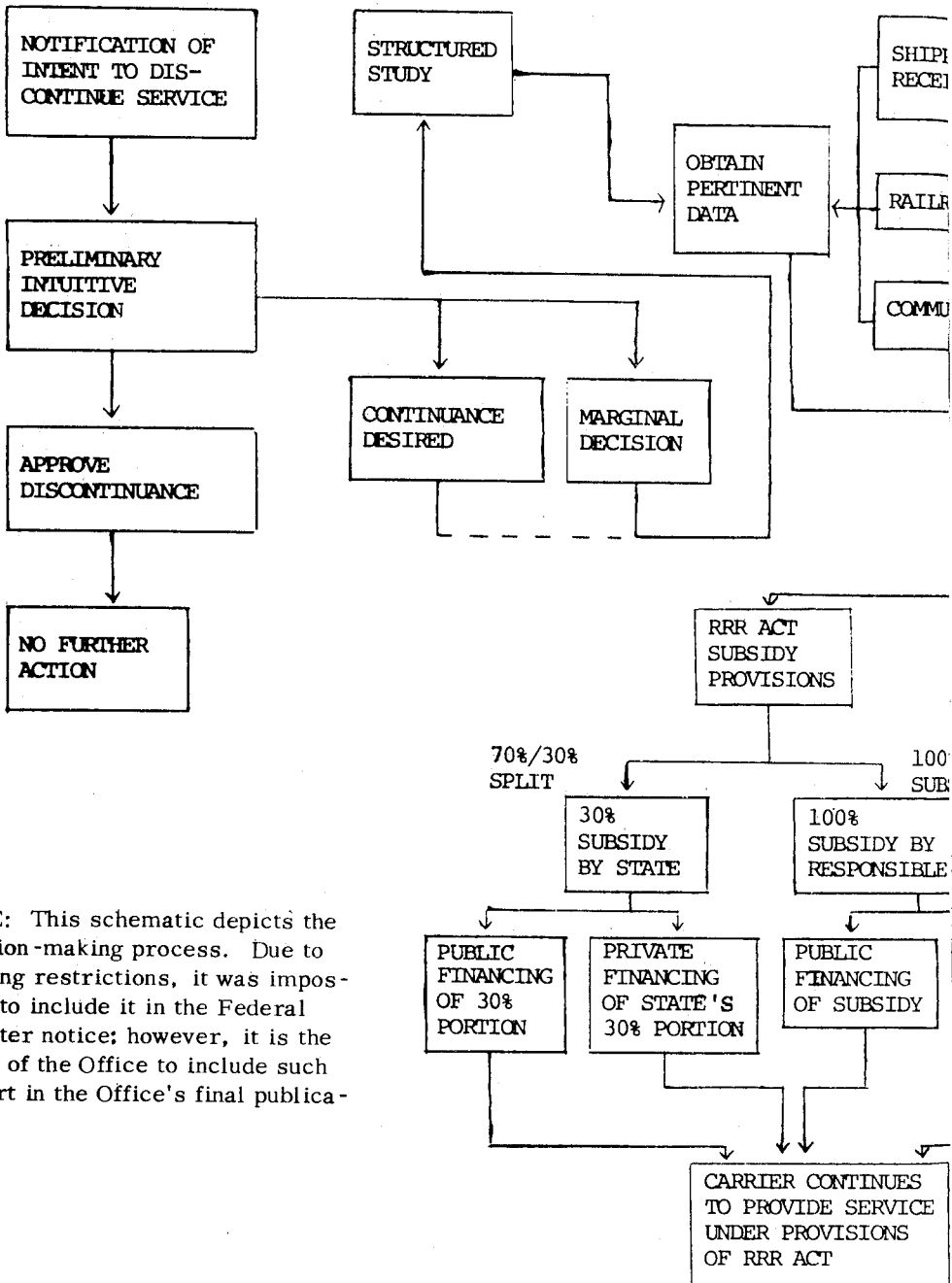
To avoid possible confusion, the Office noted that this proceeding pertains to subsidy criteria, required to be issued by the Office under Section 205 (d) (4) of the Act, and not to subsidy standards, issued previously by the Office pursuant to Section 205 (d) (3).

Comments on the proposed criteria, published in today's Federal Register, should be filed with the Office on or before July 24, 1975, in triplicate. They should be sent to:

Ex Parte No. 293 (Sub. No. 6)
Rail Services Planning Office
1900 L Street, Northwest
Fifth Floor
Washington, D.C. 20036

Copies of the proposed criteria are available at the Rail Services Planning Office and from the Commission's Secretary.

RAIL SERVICES PLAN
OVERVIEW OF RAIL SERVICE CONTINUANCE
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NOTE: This schematic depicts the decision-making process. Due to printing restrictions, it was impossible to include it in the Federal Register notice; however, it is the intent of the Office to include such a chart in the Office's final publication.

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