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Notice is hereby given that any interested person may submit written comments on this transaction within fifteen days of the date of this publication to the Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW, Washington, DC 20416.

United States Small Business Administration.

Bailey DeVries,

Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation.

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Resolute Capital Partners Fund V–A, L.P.; Conflicts of Interest Exemption

Notice is hereby given that Resolute Capital Partners Fund V–A, L.P., 20 Burton Hills Blvd., Suite 430, Nashville, TN 37215, a Federal Licensee under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended (“the Act”), in connection with the financing of a small business concern, has sought an exemption under Section 312 of the Act and Section 107.730, Financings which Constitute Conflicts of Interest of the Small Business Administration (“SBA”) Rules and Regulations (13 CFR 107.730). Resolute Capital Partners Fund V–A, L.P. is seeking a written exemption from SBA for a proposed financing to Salt Dental Collective, 1245 SE 3rd Street, Suite A2, Bend, OR 97702.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36526]

Cape May Seashore Lines, Inc.—Trackage Rights Exemption—New Jersey Transit Corporation

Cape May Seashore Lines, Inc. (CMSL), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7) for acquisition of local trackage rights over a rail line owned by New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ Transit), a noncarrier, that is comprised of a section of the Cape May Branch between milepost 27.02± at Winslow Junction, N.J., and milepost 53.0± at Tuckahoe, N.J., and a section of the Ocean City Branch between milepost 53.0± at Tuckahoe and milepost 58.7± at Palermo, N.J., a total distance of approximately 31.68 miles (the Line).

Pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement (Agreement),¹ NJ Transit has agreed to grant local trackage rights to CMSL over the Line. CMSL states that NJ Transit acquired the Line from Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) but does not have a common carrier obligation with respect to the Line. According to CMSL, Conrail retains an easement to operate freight service on the Line, but NJ Transit has the right to grant access to other parties. CMSL states that under the Agreement, CMSL will provide local freight service over the Line, in lieu of and with the consent of Conrail, with Conrail retaining

¹ A copy of the Agreement was filed with CMSL’s verified notice of exemption.

limited overhead trackage and interchange rights.

The transaction may be consummated on or after December 31, 2021, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. However, 49 U.S.C. 11326(c) does not provide for labor protection for transactions under 49 U.S.C. 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III carriers. Accordingly, the Board may not impose labor protective conditions here, because all of the carriers involved are Class III carriers.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed by December 23, 2021 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36526, should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board’s website. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on CMSL’s representative, Eric M. Hocky, Clark Hill PLC, Two Commerce Square, 2001 Market Street, Suite 2620, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

According to CMSL, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: December 14, 2021.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Stefan Rice,

Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36570]

Sierra Northern Railway—Lease and Operation Exemption—Ventura County Transportation Commission

Sierra Northern Railway (SNR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease from Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) and to operate an approximately 31.87-mile

rail line extending from at or near milepost 403.20, in Ventura, Cal., eastward to milepost 435.07, east of Piru, Cal. (the Line).

According to SNR, the Line has been leased and operated by Fillmore & Western Freight Service, LLC, since 2002. *See Fillmore & W. Freight Serv., LLC—Lease & Operation Exemption—Ventura Cnty. Transp. Comm'n*, FD 34173 (STB served May 3, 2002). SNR states that it has been selected as the new operator of the Line and has reached an agreement with VCTC that will allow SNR to lease and operate the Line upon the exemption's effective date.¹

SNR states that the proposed transaction does not involve any provision or agreement that would limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier. Further, SNR certifies that its projected annual revenue resulting from the proposed transaction will not exceed \$5 million and will not result in the creation of a Class I or II rail carrier.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is December 31, 2021, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than December 23, 2021 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36570, should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on SNR's representative: William A. Mullins, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

According to SNR, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

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Decided: December 14, 2021.

¹ According to the verified notice, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) currently provides freight railroad services to one shipper over a portion of the Line from milepost 415.0 to milepost 403.2 (Western Portion). SNR states that UP's operating rights over the Western Portion will continue pursuant to the terms of UP's agreement with VCTC.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Aretha Laws-Byrum,
Clearance Clerk.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Determination of Trade Surplus in Certain Sugar and Syrup Goods and Sugar-Containing Products of Chile, Morocco, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru, Colombia, and Panama

AGENCY: Office of the United States
Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice of its determination of the trade surplus in certain sugar and syrup goods and sugar-containing products of Chile, Morocco, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru, Colombia, and Panama. The level of a country's trade surplus in these goods relates to the quantity of sugar and syrup goods and sugar-containing products for which the United States grants preferential tariff treatment under (i) the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement (Chile FTA); (ii) the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement (Morocco FTA); (iii) the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR); (iv) the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (Peru TPA); (v) the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement (Colombia TPA); and (vi) the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement (Panama TPA).

DATES: This notice is applicable on January 1, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin H. Nicholson, Office of Agricultural Affairs, (202) 395-6095 or Erin.H.Nicholson@ustr.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Chile FTA

Pursuant to section 201 of the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 108-77; 19 U.S.C. 3805 note), Presidential Proclamation No. 7746 of December 30, 2003 (68 FR 75789) implemented the Chile FTA on behalf of the United States

and modified the HTSUS to reflect the tariff treatment provided for in the Chile FTA.

Note 12(a) to subchapter XI of HTSUS chapter 99 requires USTR to publish annually a determination of the amount of Chile's trade surplus, by volume, with all sources for goods in Harmonized System (HS) subheadings 1701.11, 1701.12, 1701.91, 1701.99, 1702.20, 1702.30, 1702.40, 1702.60, 1702.90, 1806.10, 2101.12, 2101.20, and 2106.90, except that Chile's imports of goods classified under HS subheadings 1702.40 and 1702.60 that qualify for preferential tariff treatment under the Chile FTA are not included in the calculation of Chile's trade surplus. Proclamation 8771 of December 29, 2011 (77 FR 413) reclassified HS subheading 1701.11 as 1701.13 and 1701.14.

Note 12(b) to subchapter XI of HTSUS chapter 99 provides duty-free treatment for certain sugar and syrup goods and sugar-containing products of Chile entered under subheading 9911.17.05 in any calendar year (CY) (beginning in CY2015) is the quantity of goods equal to the amount of Chile's trade surplus in subdivision (a) of the note. During CY2020, the most recent year for which data are available, Chile's imports of the sugar and syrup goods and sugar-containing products described above exceeded its exports of those goods by 571,108 metric tons according to data published by its customs authority, the *Servicio Nacional de Aduana*. Based on this data, USTR has determined that Chile's trade surplus is negative. Therefore, in accordance with U.S. Note 12(b) to subchapter XI of HTSUS chapter 99, goods of Chile are not eligible to enter the United States duty-free under subheading 9911.17.05 in CY2022.

II. Morocco FTA

Pursuant to section 201 of the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 108-302; 19 U.S.C. 3805 note), Presidential Proclamation No. 7971 of December 22, 2005 (70 FR 76651) implemented the Morocco FTA on behalf of the United States and modified the HTSUS to reflect the tariff treatment provided for in the Morocco FTA.

Note 12(a) to subchapter XII of HTSUS chapter 99 requires USTR to publish annually a determination of the amount of Morocco's trade surplus, by volume, with all sources for goods in HS subheadings 1701.11, 1701.12, 1701.91, 1701.99, 1702.40, and 1702.60, except that Morocco's imports of U.S. goods classified under HS subheadings 1702.40 and 1702.60 that qualify for