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Carmen Suro-Bredie,

Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-996 (Sub-No. 2X)]

Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Berks County, PA

Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad Company (RBMN) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* to discontinue service over a 8.6-mile portion of the Pennsy Branch between milepost 67.8, at or near Shackamaxon Street, in Leesport, Berks County, PA, to the end of the line at milepost 76.4, at or near Grand Street, in Hamburg, Berks County, PA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 19526, 19533, and 19555.

RBMN has certified that: (1) No traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication) and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance of service shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on September 25, 2009, unless stayed

pending reconsideration.¹ Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA for continued rail service under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² must be filed by September 8, 2009.³ Petitions to reopen must be filed by September 15, 2009, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to RBMN's representative: Eric M. Hocky, Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP, One Commerce Square, 2005 Market Street, Suite 1000, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: August 20, 2009.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Kulunie L. Cannon,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Request To Release Airport Property at Walnut Ridge Regional Airport, Walnut Ridge, AR

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Request To Release Airport Property.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the release of land at Walnut Ridge Regional Airport under the provisions of Title 49, U.S.C. Section 47153(c).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 25, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Mr. Edward N. Agnew, Manager, Federal

¹ The earliest this transaction may be consummated is September 25, 2009 (50 days after filing. 49 CFR 1152.50(d)). RBMN has indicated a consummation date of on or after September 24, 2009.

² Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,500. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

³ Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Likewise, no environmental or historical documentation is required here under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and 1105.8(b), respectively.

Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports Development Office, ASW-630, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76137.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to The Honorable Michelle Rogers, Mayor of Walnut Ridge, at the following address: City of Walnut Ridge, 300 West Main Street, Walnut Ridge, AR 72476.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Paul Burns, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Development Office, ASW-630, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76137.

The request to release property may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA invites public comment on the request to release property at the Walnut Ridge Regional Airport.

On August 10, 2009, the FAA determined that the request to release property at Walnut Ridge Regional Airport submitted by the City of Walnut Ridge met the procedural requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 155. The FAA may approve the request, in whole or in part, no later than September 25, 2009.

The following is a brief overview of the request: The City of Walnut Ridge requests the release of 17.6 acres of airport property. The land proposed for release will be used by Williams Baptist College to expand its existing college campus adjacent to the Walnut Ridge Regional Airport. The fair market value of this land is \$53,000.00. In exchange for this 17.6 acres, the Airport will receive from Williams Baptist College a 20.0-acre tract valued at \$40,000.00 plus a cash payment in the amount of \$13,000.00. The City will use this \$13,000.00 (together with \$30,000.00 from another airport land release, resulting in a total of \$43,000.00) on a 2010 capital improvement project to construct a Maintenance Hangar at Walnut Ridge Regional Airport.

Any person may inspect the request in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Walnut Ridge Regional Airport.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on August 14, 2009.

Kelvin L. Solco,
Manager, Airports Division.

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