

regulations, policies, and administrative practices might be modified from time to time and may affect the implementation of the project. The Applicant agrees that the most recent Federal requirements will apply to the project, unless FTA issues a written determination otherwise.

(2) Reporting Requirements

FTA reporting requirements include standard reporting requirements identified in FTA Circular 6100.1D and the Master Grant Agreement.

(3) Independent Third-Party Evaluation of Project Success

FTA is required by 49 U.S.C. Section 5312(d)(4) to evaluate every demonstration of innovation within two years after award. Applicants must arrange for, and FTA must approve, an independent third-party evaluation of the project's success. This third-party evaluation is an eligible project expense, and must be completed within two years of the project award.

K. Technical Assistance

FTA will post answers to commonly asked questions about this NOFA at www.fta.dot.gov. Technical assistance regarding these requirements is available from FTA's Office of Research, Demonstration, and Innovation (TRI) by contacting the appropriate person(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. TRI will contact those applicants selected for funding to provide assistance in preparing the documentation necessary to apply for the cooperative agreement and to clarify reporting requirements.

Peter Rogoff,
Administrator.

Appendix A

REGISTERING IN SAM AND GRANTS.GOV

Registration in Brief

Registration can take as little as 3–5 business days, but since there could be unexpected steps or delays (for example, if you need to obtain an EIN), FTA recommends allowing ample time, up to several weeks, for completion of all steps.

STEP 1: Obtain DUNS Number

Same day. If requested by phone (1–866–705–5711) DUNS is provided immediately. If your organization does not have one, you will need to go to the Dun & Bradstreet Web site at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform> to obtain the number. *Information for Foreign Registrants. *Webform requests take 1–2 business days.

STEP 2: Register with SAM

Three to five business days or up to two weeks. If you already have a TIN, your SAM registration will take 3–5 business days to

process. If you are applying for an EIN please allow up to two weeks. Ensure that your organization is registered with the System for Award Management (SAM) at System for Award Management (SAM). If your organization is not, an authorizing official of your organization must register.

STEP 3: Username & Password

Same day. Complete your AOR (Authorized Organization Representative) profile on Grants.gov and create your username and password. You will need to use your organization's DUNS Number to complete this step. <https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/OrcRegister>.

STEP 4: AOR Authorization

*Same day. The E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) at your organization must login to Grants.gov to confirm you as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR). Please note that there can be more than one AOR for your organization. In some cases the E-Biz POC is also the AOR for an organization. *Time depends on responsiveness of your E-Biz POC.

STEP 5: Track AOR Status

At any time, you can track your AOR status by logging in with your username and password. Login as an Applicant (enter your username & password you obtained in Step 3) using the following link: applicant_profile.jsp.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35767]

Allentown and Auburn Railroad Company, Inc.—Change in Operators Exemption—Rail Line of Kutztown Transportation Authority

Allentown and Auburn Railroad Company, Inc. (AARR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to change operators¹ from East Penn Railroad, LLC (ESPN) to AARR over a 4.12-mile rail line between milepost 0.17, at Topton, Pa., and milepost 4.29, at Kutztown, Pa. (the Line).² The Line is owned by the Kutztown Transportation Authority (KTA), a municipal authority organized under the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act of 1954.³ The

¹ AARR's verified notice of exemption is captioned as an operation exemption. However, because the operator of the Line will change via assignment of the current operator's lease, the authority sought is more properly a change in operators exemption. The docket has been recaptioned accordingly.

² ESPN was authorized to operate the Line in *East Penn Railroad—Operation Exemption—Kutztown Transportation Authority*, FD 35104 (STB served Dec. 13, 2007).

³ *Id.*

change in operators for the Line is being accomplished through ESPN's assignment of its authority to operate the Line to AARR with the consent of KTA. This change in operators is exempt under 49 CFR 1150.31(a)(3).⁴

This exemption will be effective on October 18, 2013 (30 days after the verified notice was filed).⁵ The transaction is expected to be consummated on or sometime after the effective date.

AARR certifies that this transaction will not result in AARR's becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier and that the projected annual revenue of AARR will not exceed \$5 million.

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 October 11, 2013 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35767, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Karl Morell, Ball Janik LLP, Suite 225, 655 Fifteenth Street NW., Washington, DC 20005.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: September 26, 2013.

By the Board, Richard Armstrong, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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⁴ To qualify for a change of operators exemption, an applicant must give notice to shippers on the line. 49 CFR 1150.32(b). In a letter filed September 18, 2013, AARR certified to the Board that it provided notice to the only active shipper on the Line.

⁵ AARR filed its verified notice of exemption on September 12, 2013, and supplemented it by letter filed on September 18, 2013. The date of AARR's supplement will be considered the filing date for purposes of calculating the effective date of the exemption.