

FRA partial relief for any portion of the line for which all of the requirements of the Emergency Order are met. 63 FR 67979.

November 11, 2010, Request for Partial Relief From Emergency Order No. 21

By letter dated November 11, 2010, in accordance with the terms of Emergency Order No. 21, Notice No. 1, NWP Co. and the NCRA⁵ formally requested that FRA grant partial relief from the Emergency Order for the SMART-owned rail line between (1) a point designated as Brazos Junction, milepost MP B49.8 and the Ignacio Wye, MP 5–25.8 and (2) a point designated as MP 62.9 near Windsor, California.

In this letter, NWP Co and NCRA, represented to FRA that it has met all of the system-wide requirements of Emergency Order No. 21, namely—

- NWP Co. has adopted a set of grade crossing signal standards and instructions that is acceptable to FRA;
- NWP Co. has entered into a contract with Summit Signal, Inc., a signal maintenance company, for the maintenance of NWP Co. signals. NWP Co. has provided proper and adequate test equipment for all signal maintainers;
- NWP Co. has furnished to FRA a 12-month track maintenance plan that includes all of the necessary information required by Emergency Order No. 21;
- NWP Co. has furnished to FRA a copy of the employee training program on the Federal Track Safety Standards;
- NWP Co. has certified, in writing, that each individual conducting track inspections has sufficient knowledge, skills, and ability to successfully conduct the types of inspections that will be performed by that individual.

FRA has verified these representations and determined that NWP Co. is in compliance at this time with the system-wide requirements; therefore, NWP Co. is eligible to request partial relief for the designated segment between (1) Brazos Junction, milepost MP B49.8 and the Ignacio Wye, MP 5–25.8 and (2) MP 62.9 near Windsor, California. FRA will monitor the railroad to determine whether it continues to comply with these system-wide requirements.

During the week of January 3, 2011, FRA inspected the track for which the NWP Co. has requested relief from Emergency Order No. 21 in its November 11, 2010, letter. The track inspection revealed certain FRA Class 1 defective conditions, which were reviewed and discussed with representatives of NWP Co. the same week. A follow-up inspection was conducted on January 6, 2011, and FRA determined that NWP Co. had corrected the defective track conditions that were identified on the main track and siding.

During the week of January 3, 2011, FRA also inspected the grade crossing signal

systems on the track for which NWP Co. requested relief from Emergency Order No. 21 and found that not all necessary repairs, inspections, and tests had been performed. During the week of January 31, 2011, FRA conducted a follow-up inspection and determined that NWP Co. had corrected the defective grade crossing signal systems conditions and that all grade crossing signal systems on the track segment for which NWP Co. is seeking relief are in compliance with FRA regulations.

Grant of Partial Relief

In light of the foregoing, I grant NWP Co. partial relief from Emergency Order No. 21. The segment of track owned by SMART extending between (1) a point designated as Brazos Junction, milepost MP B49.8 and the Ignacio Wye, MP 5–25.8 and (2) a point designated as MP 62.9 near Windsor, California, may open immediately to rail traffic. The issuance of this notice of partial relief does not preclude imposition of another emergency order governing the segment of track should conditions of the track or rail operations deteriorate to the extent that I believe they pose an imminent and unacceptable threat to public safety.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 4, 2011.

Joseph C. Szabo,
Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

[FTA Docket No. 2011–0029]

Notice of Request for the Reinstatement of an Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the following information collection: Bus Testing Program.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before July 11, 2011.

ADDRESSES: To ensure that your comments are not entered more than once into the docket, submit comments identified by the docket number by only one of the following methods:

1. *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the U.S. Government electronic docket site. (**Note:** The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT's) electronic

docket is no longer accepting electronic comments.) All electronic submissions must be made to the U.S. Government electronic docket site at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Commenters should follow the directions below for mailed and hand-delivered comments.

2. *Fax:* 202–366–7951.

3. *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Docket Operations, M–30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

4. *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Docket Operations, M–30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: You must include the agency name and docket number for this notice at the beginning of your comments. Submit two copies of your comments if you submit them by mail. For confirmation that FTA has received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Note that all comments received, including any personal information, will be posted and will be available to Internet users, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents and comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Background documents and comments received may also be viewed at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Docket Operations, M–30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gregory Rymarz, Office of Research, Demonstration and Innovation, (202) 366–6410, or *e-mail:* gregory.rymarz@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information.

⁵ North Coast Railroad Authority is the owner of a perpetual, exclusive freight easement over the trackage involved in the request. On September 13, 2006, NWP Co. was formed and entered into a lease agreement with the NCRA as the sole operator of all freight trains, work trains, and passenger excursion trains over the line. NWP Co. is also designated as the company that will manage and maintain freight railroad operations over the NCRA and SMART properties.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

Title: Bus Testing Program (OMB Number 2132-0550).

Background: 49 U.S.C. Section 5323(c) provides that no Federal funds appropriated or made available after September 30, 1989, may be obligated or expended for the acquisition of a new bus model (including any model using alternative fuels) unless the bus has been tested at the Bus Testing Center (Center) in Altoona, Pennsylvania. 49 U.S.C. Section 5318(a) further specifies that each new bus model is to be tested for maintainability, reliability, safety, performance (including braking performance), structural integrity, fuel economy, emissions, and noise.

The operator of the Bus Testing Center, the Pennsylvania Transportation Institute (PTI), has entered into a cooperative agreement with FTA. PTI operates and maintains the Center, and establishes and collects fees for the testing of the vehicles at the facility. Upon completion of the testing of the vehicle at the Center, a test report is provided to the manufacturer of the new bus model. The bus manufacturer certifies to an FTA grantee that the bus the grantee is purchasing has been tested at the Center. Also, grantees about to purchase a bus use this report to assist them in making their purchasing decisions. PTI maintains a reference file for all the test reports which are made available to the public.

Respondents: Bus manufacturers.

Estimated Annual Burden on

Respondents: 30 testing determinations @ 3 hours each; 18 tests @ 3 hours each; and 520 requirements @ 0.5 hours each.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 404 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Issued: May 3, 2011.

Ann M. Linnertz,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 1074X]

Lassen Valley Railway, LLC— Abandonment Exemption—in Washoe County, NV and Lassen County, CA

On April 20, 2011, Lassen Valley Railway, LLC (LVR) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for

exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a 21.77-mile line of railroad located between milepost 338.33 near Flanigan, Washoe County, Nev. and milepost 360.10 near Wendel,¹ Lassen County, Cal. (the line).² The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 89405, 96113, 96130, and 96136.

LVR has been advised that segments of the line may contain Federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in LVR's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, In Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by August 8, 2011.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,500 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than May 31, 2011. Each trail request must be accompanied by a \$250 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to Docket No. AB 1074X, and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2)

¹ By letter filed May 4, 2011, the milepost near Wendel was corrected. The petition originally identified milepost 359.25 as the end of the line instead of milepost 360.10. The letter also clarified 96136 as a correct zip code.

² According to LVR, the line was the subject of a prior abandonment petition in *Union Pacific Railroad—Abandonment Exemption—in Lassen County, Cal., and Washoe County, Nev.*, AB 33 (Sub-No. 230X) (STB served Jan. 26, 2007). The description of the rail line in that proceeding also referenced a .57-mile line in Lassen County, from milepost 358.68 to milepost 359.25 near Wendel, which appears to be included within the mileposts described in the line. LVR states that abandonment of the line was not consummated and LVR acquired the line pursuant to a notice of exemption in *Lassen Valley Railway—Acquisition & Operation Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad*, FD 35306 (STB served Dec. 3, 2009).

Fritz R. Kahn, 1920 N. Street, NW. (8th floor), Washington, DC 20036. Replies to the petition are due on or before May 31, 2011.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs and Compliance at (202) 245-0238 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by OEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact OEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA generally will be within 30 days of its service.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: May 4, 2011.

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

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35501]

Carolina Coastal Railway, Inc.— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Rocky Mount & Western Railroad Co., Inc. d/b/a Nash County Railroad

Carolina Coastal Railway, Inc. (CLNA), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from Rocky Mount & Western Railroad Co., Inc. d/b/a Nash County Railroad (NCR), and to operate, approximately 14.9-miles of rail line currently owned and operated by NCR extending between the connection with CSX Transportation, Inc. at milepost 119.9 at Rocky Mount, N.C. and milepost 134.8 at Momeyer, N.C.