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Dated: June 1, 2015.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35933]

#### **Watco Holdings, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Lubbock and Western Railway, L.L.C.**

Watco Holdings, Inc. (Watco), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of Lubbock and Western Railway, L.L.C. (LWR), upon LWR's becoming a Class III rail carrier. Watco owns, indirectly, 100 percent of the issued and outstanding stock of LWR, a limited liability company.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *Lubbock & Western Railway—Acquisition & Operation Exemption—West Texas & Lubbock Railway*, Docket No. FD 35932, wherein LWR seeks Board approval (1) to acquire and operate approximately 9.5 miles of rail line and to lease approximately 134.75 miles of rail line from West Texas and Lubbock Railway Company, Inc., and West Texas and Lubbock Railroad Company, Inc. (WTLR), between specified points in Texas; and (2) to acquire by assignment approximately 5 miles of trackage rights that WTLR currently has over BNSF Railway Company's line between Canyon Jct., and Broadview, Tex.

The transaction may be consummated on or after June 20, 2015, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the notice of exemption was filed).

Watco is a Kansas corporation that currently controls, indirectly, 30 Class III rail carriers and one Class II rail carrier, collectively operating in 22 states. For a complete list of these rail carriers, and the states in which they

operate, see Watco's notice of exemption filed on May 21, 2015. The notice is available on the Board's Web site at "[www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov)."

Watco represents that: (1) The rail lines to be operated by LWR do not connect with any of the rail lines operated by the carriers in the Watco corporate family; (2) the continuance in control is not a part of a series of anticipated transactions that would result in such a connection; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Watco states that the purpose of the transaction is to reduce overhead expenses, coordinate billing, maintenance, mechanical, and personnel policies and practices of its rail carrier subsidiaries, and thereby improve the overall efficiency of rail service provided by the railroads in the Watco corporate family.

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. Because the transaction involves the control of one Class II and one or more Class III rail carriers, the transaction is subject to the labor protection requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11326(b) and *Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Acquisition Exemption—Lines of Union Pacific Railroad*, 2 S.T.B. 218 (1997).

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 June 12, 2015 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35933, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Karl Morell, 655 Fifteenth Street NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov).

Decided: June 2, 2015.

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

**Brendetta S. Jones,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35930]

#### **Texas New Mexico Railway, L.L.C.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Austin & Northwestern Railroad Company, Inc.**

Texas New Mexico Railway, L.L.C. (TNMR),<sup>1</sup> a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Austin & Northwestern Railway Company, Inc. (ANR), and to operate, approximately 104.191 miles of rail line between milepost 0.079 at Monahans, Tex., and milepost 104.27 at Lovington, NM.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *Watco Holdings, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Texas New Mexico Railway*, Docket No. FD 35931, wherein Watco Holdings, Inc., seeks Board approval under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of TNMR, upon TNMR's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

TNMR states that the agreement between TNMR and ANR does not contain any provision that prohibits TNMR from interchanging traffic with a third party or limits TNMR's ability to interchange with a third party.

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or after the effective date of the exemption.

TNMR has certified that this transaction will not result in TNMR's becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier. Because TNMR's projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million, TNMR certified to the Board on May 19, 2015, that it had complied with the requirements of 49 CFR 1150.32(e) on May 18, 2015, by providing notice to employees on the affected line.<sup>2</sup> Under 49 CFR 1150.32(e), this exemption cannot become effective until 60 days after the requirements of that section have been satisfied (here, July 18, 2015).

If the 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 July 10, 2015 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD

<sup>1</sup> TNMR is a new, wholly owned, subsidiary of Watco Holdings, Inc.

<sup>2</sup> In its May 19 letter to the Board, TNMR stated that there are no union employees at ANR.