

Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), Knox and Kane shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by Knox and Kane's filing of a notice of consummation by October 23, 2010, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-497 (Sub-No. 5X)]

Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Roseau County, MN

On October 5, 2009, Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc. (MNN), filed with the Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a 20.035-mile portion of its Warroad Subdivision between milepost 83.6, located approximately 300 feet west of Roseau County Road 124 (11th Ave., SE.) in Roseau, and milepost 103.635, at the end of the line at Warroad, in Roseau County, MN. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 56751, 56756, and 56763.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in MNN'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 R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by January 22, 2010.

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 November 12, 2009. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$250 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).¹

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-497 (Sub-No. 5X), and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Thomas F. McFarland, 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604-1194. Replies to the petition are due on or before November 12, 2009.

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 Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) 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 SEA 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 SEA 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

¹ Effective June 4, 2009, the filing fee for a request for a trail use condition increased to \$250. See *Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection with Licensing and Related Services—2009 Update*, STB Ex Parte No. 542 (Sub-No. 16) (STB served May 4, 2009).

deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-1041X]

Dakota Northern Railroad, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Walsh and Pembina Counties, ND

On October 5, 2009, and amended on October 8, 2009, Dakota Northern Railroad, Inc. (DN), 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 portion of its Glasston Subdivision between milepost 42.08 at the north edge of Private Crossing DOT No. 082102T approximately 2.7 miles north of Grafton and milepost 60.2 at the end of active track approximately 0.6 miles north of Glasston, a distance of 18.12 miles, in Walsh and Pembina Counties, ND. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 58237 and 58276, and includes the stations of Auburn (milepost 45.9), St. Thomas (milepost 53.5), and Glasston (milepost 59.6).

DN states that it does not have information in its possession that shows that the line contains Federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in DN'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 R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 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 January 22, 2010.

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 November 12, 2009. Each trail use 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 STB Docket No. AB-1041X, and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001, and (2) Thomas F. McFarland, Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604-1112. Replies to DN's petition are due on or before November 12, 2009.

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 Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) 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 SEA 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 SEA 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35308]

Piedmont & Atlantic Railroad Co., Inc., d/b/a/ Yadkin Valley Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Piedmont & Atlantic Railroad Co., Inc., d/b/a Yadkin Valley Railroad Company (YVRR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire, by purchase pursuant to an agreement it anticipates entering into with Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) (successor to Southern Railway Company), and to operate approximately 93 miles of rail lines as follows: (1) From milepost K-37.0 at Rural Hall, in Forsyth County, NC, to milepost K-100.2 at North Wilkesboro, in Wilkes County, NC; and (2) from milepost CF-0.0 at Mount Airy, in Surry County, NC, to milepost CF-29.8 at Rural Hall, in Forsyth County, NC.¹ YVRR has subleased and operated these rail lines since March 1994.²

YVRR certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier.

YVRR states that it intends to consummate the transaction on or after November 7, 2009, but shall in no event consummate the transaction before the Board either grants its petition for waiver of the 60-day labor notice requirement or YVRR satisfies the applicable labor notice requirement at 49 CFR 1150.42(e).³ YVRR requests expedited action on its petition.

¹ Laurinburg & Southern Railroad Company previously was authorized to lease these lines and YVRR was authorized to operate them in *Laurinburg and Southern Railroad Company, et al.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Southern Railway Company*, Finance Docket No. 31526 (ICC served Nov. 7, 1989).

² *See Piedmont & Atlantic Railroad Co., Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption—L & S Holding Company d/b/a/Laurinburg & Southern Railroad Co. and Yadkin Valley Railroad Company*, Finance Docket No. 32462 (ICC served Mar. 29, 1994). Also, in *H. Peter and Linda C. Claussen—Continuance in Control Exemption—Piedmont & Atlantic Railroad Co., Inc.*, Finance Docket No. 32464, (ICC served Mar. 29, 1994), H. Peter and Linda C. Claussen were authorized to continue in control of Piedmont & Atlantic Railroad Co., Inc., once it became a Class III rail carrier.

³ On October 8, 2009, YVRR concurrently filed a certification of labor notice compliance and a petition for waiver of the 60-day advance labor notice requirement at 49 CFR 1150.42(e). That request will be addressed in a separate decision. Unless the Board grants the waiver request, the earliest this transaction may be consummated will be December 7, 2009.

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. Stay petitions must be filed no later than 7 days before the exemption becomes effective.

Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law No. 110-161, § 193, 121 Stat. 1844 (2007), nothing in this decision authorizes the following activities at any solid waste rail transfer facility: collecting, storing, or transferring solid waste outside of its original shipping container; or separating or processing solid waste (including baling, crushing, compacting, and shredding). The term "solid waste" is defined in section 1004 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. 6903.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35308, 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 Rose-Michele Nardi, Esq., Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 19th Street, NW., Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1609.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35035]

Adrian & Blissfield Rail Road Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Tecumseh Branch Connecting Railroad Company

Adrian & Blissfield Rail Road Company (ADBF), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from Tecumseh Branch Connecting Railroad Company (TCBY) and to operate, approximately 1.3 miles of rail line between milepost 44.2 and milepost 45.5, in the City of Adrian, Lenawee County, MI.

As a result of a transaction between ADBF and TCBY on November 19, 2001,