

9. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: WARD B Pad, ABR-201210009, Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.000 mgd; Approval Date: October 15, 2012.
10. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: KLINE A Pad, ABR-201210010, Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.000 mgd; Approval Date: October 15, 2012.
11. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: KLINE B Pad, ABR-201210011, Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.000 mgd; Approval Date: October 15, 2012.
12. Chief Oil & Gas LLC, Pad ID: Tague West Drilling Pad, ABR-201210012, Lemon Township, Wyoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 2.000 mgd; Approval Date: October 16, 2012.
13. Chief Oil & Gas LLC, Pad ID: Teeter Drilling Pad, ABR-201210013, Smithfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 2.000 mgd; Approval Date: October 16, 2012.
14. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: PLOUSE A Pad, ABR-201210014, Ridgebury Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.000 mgd; Approval Date: October 19, 2012.
15. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: GRIPPIN A Pad, ABR-201210015, Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.000 mgd; Approval Date: October 19, 2012.
16. EOG Resources, Inc., Pad ID: KINGSLEY E Pad, ABR-201210016, Springfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.000 mgd; Approval Date: October 19, 2012.
17. WPX Energy Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Bolles South Drilling Pad, ABR-201210017, Franklin Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.000 mgd; Approval Date: October 26, 2012.
18. Chief Oil & Gas LLC, Pad ID: Mehalick Drilling Pad, ABR-201210018, Cherry Township, Sullivan County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 2.000 mgd; Approval Date: October 26, 2012.
19. WPX Energy Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Nota Well Pad, ABR-201210019, Franklin Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.000 mgd; Approval Date: October 29, 2012.
20. Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation, Pad ID: DeluciaR P1, ABR-201211002, Harford Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 3.575 mgd; Approval Date: November 9, 2012.
21. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Molly J, ABR-201211003, Monroe and Overton Townships, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.500 mgd; Approval Date: November 16, 2012.
22. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Slattery, ABR-201211004, Cherry Township, Sullivan County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.500 mgd; Approval Date: November 16, 2012.
23. Anadarko E&P Company LP, Pad ID: Terry D. Litzelman Pad A, ABR-201211005, Cogan House Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.000 mgd; Approval Date: November 16, 2012.
24. Anadarko E&P Company LP, Pad ID: Larry's Creek F&G Pad F, ABR-201211006, Cummings Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.000 mgd; Approval Date: November 16, 2012.
25. Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation, Pad ID: EmpetD P1, ABR-201211007, Harford Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 3.575 mgd; Approval Date: November 20, 2012.
26. Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation, Pad ID: WoodE P1, ABR-201211008, Dimock Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 3.575 mgd; Approval Date: November 20, 2012.
27. Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation, Pad ID: McLeanD P1, ABR-201211009, Lathrop Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 3.575 mgd; Approval Date: November 20, 2012.
28. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Kupetsky, ABR-201211010, Nicholson Township, Wyoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.500 mgd; Approval Date: November 28, 2012.
29. EXCO Resources (PA), LLC, Pad ID: COP Tract 727 (Pad 3), ABR-201211011, Gallagher Township, Clinton County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 8.000 mgd; Approval Date: November 28, 2012.
30. EXCO Resources (PA), LLC, Pad ID: Short Mountain Pad 1, ABR-201211012, Watson Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 8.000 mgd; Approval Date: November 28, 2012.
31. Southwestern Energy Production Company, Pad ID: SHELDON EAST PAD, ABR-201211013, Thompson Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.999 mgd; Approval Date: November 30, 2012.
32. Southwestern Energy Production Company, Pad ID: LOKE PAD, ABR-201211014, New Milford Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.999 mgd; Approval Date: November 30, 2012.
33. Southwestern Energy Production Company, Pad ID: HARRIS PAD, ABR-201211015, Harford Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.999 mgd; Approval Date: November 30, 2012.
34. Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation, Pad ID: HordisC P1, ABR-201211016, Lathrop Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 3.575 mgd; Approval Date: November 30, 2012.
35. Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation, Pad ID: LoffredoJ P1, ABR-201211017, Nicholson Township, Wyoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 3.575 mgd; Approval Date: November 30, 2012.
36. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Amcor, ABR-201211018, Meshoppen Township, Wyoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.500 mgd; Approval Date: November 30, 2012.
37. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Joequswa, ABR-201211019, Cherry Township, Sullivan County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.500 mgd; Approval Date: November 30, 2012.

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Dated: December 31, 2012.

**Stephanie L. Richardson,**  
*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No. 482X)]

### BNSF Railway Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Cook County, IL

On December 21, 2012, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the prior approval requirements of

49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a 2.14-mile of rail line between Station 36 + 70, north of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal Bridge, and Station 149 + 87, at the end of the track near Western Avenue, in Cook County, Ill. (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 60608, 60623, and 60632. There are no stations on the Line.<sup>1</sup>

BNSF states that, based on information in its possession, the Line contains no federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in BNSF'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).<sup>2</sup> A final decision will be issued by April 10, 2013.

<sup>1</sup> According to BNSF, Pure Asphalt Company has been the only active shipper on the Line in the past five years.

<sup>2</sup> The Board has previously denied a petition by BNSF to abandon the Line. *The Burlington N. Santa Fe Ry.—Abandonment of Chicago Area Trackage in Cook County, Ill.*, AB 6 (Sub-No. 382X) (STB served Sept. 21, 1999).

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 \$1,600 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following the 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 January 30, 2013. 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 Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No. 482X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) Karl Morell, Ball Janik LLP, 655 15th Street NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005. Replies to the petition are due on or before January 30, 2013.

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 C.F.R.

pt. 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 comment 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](http://www.stb.dot.gov).

Decided: January 4, 2013.

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

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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