

carrier identified in the Atlantic & Western Railway, *et al.* group. RP 2 will acquire 100% ownership of KWT Railway, Inc., the entire limited partnership interest of Rail Partners, L.P., and the entire managing member interest of each rail carrier identified in the AN Railway, *et al.* group.

GWI states: (1) That neither the KWT Railway, Inc. carriers in the AN Railway, *et al.* group nor the carriers in the Atlantic & Western, *et al.* group (collectively, Acquired Railroads) will connect with any of the Affiliates; (2) that the control transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect any of the Acquired Railroads with the Affiliates; and (3) that no Class I railroad is involved in the control transaction. Therefore, the control transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

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 at least one Class II and one or more Class III rail carriers, the exemption is subject to the labor protection requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11326(b).

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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34708, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Rose-Michele Nardi, Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 Nineteenth Street, NW., Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1609.

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Decided: June 20, 2005.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34709]

Soo Line Railroad Company— Trackage Rights Exemption—Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Pursuant to a trackage rights agreement dated May 25, 2005, between Soo Line Railroad Company (Soo Line) and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR),¹ NSR has agreed to grant Soo Line overhead trackage rights over the following segments: (1) Between Delray Interlocking in Detroit, MI, at milepost 4.4 ± of the Detroit District, and the point of connection of the new 1,982 foot long Butler Connecting Track at milepost D113.65 ± of NSR's Huntingdon District Line; (2) between the point of connection of the Butler Connecting Track at milepost D113.65 ± of NSR's Huntingdon District Line and the point of connection of the Butler Connecting Track with NSR's Chicago Line at milepost CD358.56 ±; and (3) between the point of connection of the Butler Connecting Track with NSR's Chicago Line at milepost CD358.56 ±, and one of the following two points in Chicago, IL: (a) CP-502 at milepost 502.8 ± and (b) CP 509 at milepost 509.7 ±, a total distance of 253.9 miles (in the case of CP-502) and 260.8 miles (in the case of CP-509).

The three segments are non-separable portions of a single unified route over which Soo Line will operate under the trackage rights. Whether Soo Line trains will operate over the route via CP-502 or via CP-509 will be determined, on a train-by-train basis, pursuant to the procedures and protocols set forth in the trackage rights agreement.

Soo Line states that the trackage rights will be effective on a date mutually agreed to in writing between Soo Line and NSR, which shall not occur until the latest of (1) the date upon which construction of the Butler Connecting Track is completed; (2) the effective date of any required Board authorization or exemption of the trackage rights (including compliance with any condition(s) imposed by the Board); and (3) the expiration of any required labor notices.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the

¹ A redacted version of the trackage rights agreement between NSR and Soo Line was filed with the notice of exemption. The full version of the agreement, as required by 49 CFR 1180.6(a)(7)(ii), was concurrently filed under seal along with a motion for protective order. A protective order was served on June 21, 2005.

conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34709, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Terence M. Hynes, Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP, 1501 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

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By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-441 (Sub-No. 4X)]

San Pedro Railroad Operating Company, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Cochise County, AZ

On June 6, 2005, San Pedro Railroad Operating Company, LLC (SPROC)¹ filed with the Surface Transportation Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon approximately 76.2 miles of railroad in Cochise County, AZ, as follows: (1) The Bisbee Branch, between milepost 1085.0 at Bisbee Junction and milepost 1090.6 at Bisbee, a distance of 5.6 miles; and (2) the Douglas Branch (a) between milepost 1097.3 near Paul Spur and milepost 1106.5 near Douglas, a distance of 9.2 miles, (b) between milepost 1055.8 near Charleston and milepost 1097.3 near Paul Spur, a distance of 41.5 miles, and (c) between milepost 1040.15 near Curtiss and milepost 1055.8 near Charleston, a distance of 19.9 miles. The lines traverse U.S. Postal Service ZIP Codes

¹ SPROC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Arizona Rail Group.

85602, 85603, 85607, and 85615 and include no stations.

The lines do not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in SPROC'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 September 23, 2005.

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 offer must be accompanied by a \$1,200 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 July 14, 2005. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$200 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-441 (Sub-No. 4X), and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001, and (2) John D. Heffner, 1920 N Street, NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036. Replies to SPROC's petition are due on or before July 14, 2005.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 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) 565-1539. (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 will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 17, 2005.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the

Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 25, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1110.

Form Number: IRS Form 940-EZ.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Employer's Annual Federal Unemployment (FUTA) Tax Return.

Description: Form 4563 is a simplified form that most employers with uncomplicated tax situations (e.g., only paying unemployment contributions to one state and paying them on time) can use to pay their FUTA tax. Most small businesses and household employers use the form.

Respondents: Business and other for-profit, Individuals or households, Farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 4,089,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping—7 hrs., 8 min.

Learning about the law or the form—1 hr., 5 min.

Preparing and sending the form to the IRS—1 hr., 5 min.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 36,162,483 hours.

Clearance Officer: Glenn P. Kirkland (202) 622-3428, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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