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Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93.

Dated: December 11, 2014.

Julie P. Agarwal,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35882]

Watco Holdings, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Bogalusa Bayou Railroad, 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 Bogalusa Bayou Railroad, L.L.C. (BBRR), upon BBRR's becoming a Class III rail carrier. Watco owns, indirectly, 100 percent of the issued and outstanding stock of BBRR, a limited liability company.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *Bogalusa Bayou Railroad—Acquisition of Trackage Rights Exemption Containing Interchange Commitment—Illinois Central Railroad*, Docket No. FD 35880, wherein BBRR seeks Board approval to acquire overhead trackage rights over a one-mile rail line owned by Illinois Central Railroad Company extending between milepost 68.85, at Leesecreek, La., and milepost 69.85, at Bogalusa, La.

The transaction may be consummated on or after December 31, 2014, the effective date of the exemption (30 days

after the verified notice of exemption was filed).

Watco currently controls, indirectly, one Class II rail carrier that operates in two states and 29 Class III rail carriers that collectively operate in 20 states. For a complete list of these rail carriers, and the states in which they operate, see Watco's verified notice of exemption filed on December 1, 2014. The verified notice is available on the Board's Web site at WWW.STB.DOT.GOV.

Watco represents that: (1) The rail lines to be operated by BBRR do not connect with any of the rail lines operated by the carriers in the Watco corporate family; (2) the transaction 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 December 24, 2014 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35882, 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, Ball Janik LLP, 655 Fifteenth Street NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

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Decided: December 12, 2014.

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 35880]

Bogalusa Bayou Railroad, L.L.C.—Acquisition of Trackage Rights Exemption Containing Interchange Commitment—Illinois Central Railroad Company

Bogalusa Bayou Railroad, L.L.C. (BBRR),¹ a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire overhead trackage rights over a one-mile rail line owned by Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) extending between milepost 68.85, at Leesecreek, La., and milepost 69.85, at Bogalusa, La., pursuant to an agreement between BBRR and IC.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *Watco Holdings, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Bogalusa Bayou Railroad*, Docket No. FD 35882, wherein Watco Holdings, Inc., seeks Board approval under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of BBRR, upon BBRR's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

BBRR states that the agreement precludes BBRR from interchanging traffic with a third party. As required under 49 CFR 1150.33(h)(1), BBRR has provided additional information concerning the interchange commitment.

BBRR has certified that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in BBRR's becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million.

This transaction may be consummated on or after December 31, 2014, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice of exemption was filed).

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 no later than December 24, 2014

¹ BBRR is a wholly owned subsidiary of Watco Holdings, Inc.