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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36160]

Great Lakes Terminal Railroad, LLC— Lease and Operation Exemption—Rail Line of Great Lakes Reloading, LLC

Great Lakes Terminal Railroad, LLC (GLTRR), a noncarrier,¹ has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to sublease from Great Lakes Reloading, LLC (GLR), and to operate,² approximately 12,500 feet (2.37 miles) of railroad right-of-way and trackage and transloading facilities located at 13535 S. Torrence Avenue, in Chicago, Ill. (the Chicago Transload Facility Trackage).

According to GLTRR, there are no mileposts associated with the Chicago Transload Facility Trackage. GLTRR states that Centerpoint Chicago Enterprise, LLC, owns the Chicago Transload Facility Trackage, and leases it to GLR. GLTRR further states that the trackage is used to transload steel rebar, steel pipe, and agriculture and construction equipment from truck to rail. According to GLTRR, the trackage is used in conjunction with interchanging with the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Company.

GLTRR asserts that, because the trackage in question will constitute the entire line of railroad of GLTRR, this trackage is a line of railroad under 49 U.S.C. 10901, rather than spur, switching, or side tracks excepted from Board acquisition and operation authority under 49 U.S.C. 10906.³

Although GLTRR states in its verified notice that the operations were proposed to be consummated on or about December 1, 2017, this transaction may not be consummated until January 19, 2018 (30 days after the verified notice was filed).⁴

GLTRR certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this

transaction do not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million. GLTRR also certifies that there are no provisions or agreements that may limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

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 to stay must be filed no later than January 12, 2018 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36160, 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 GLTRR's representative, David C. Dillon, Dillon & Nash, Ltd., 3100 Dundee Road, Suite 508, Northbrook, IL 60062.

According to GLTRR, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic reporting under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

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Decided: January 2, 2018.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2016-0325]

Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program Multi-Year Plans

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), requires the Secretary to prescribe procedures for a State to submit multiple-year commercial vehicle safety plans ("multi-year plans") and annual updates for the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) grants. In a prior notice, FMCSA requested information and posed specific questions to improve

the Agency's development and implementation of multi-year plans. This notice announces FMCSA's voluntary implementation of multi-year plans.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Thomas Liberatore, Chief, State Programs Division, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, Telephone (202) 366-3030 or by email at Thomas.Liberatore@dot.gov. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The goal of the MCSAP is to ensure that there is a partnership between the U.S. Department of Transportation and the States to establish programs to improve motor carrier, commercial motor vehicle (CMV), and driver safety to support a safe and efficient surface transportation system. MCSAP makes targeted investments to promote CMV safety, including the transportation of passengers and hazardous materials. FMCSA encourages the States and Territories to invest in activities likely to maximize reductions in the number and severity of CMV crashes and fatalities resulting from such crashes. This is accomplished by adopting and enforcing effective motor carrier, CMV, and driver safety regulations and practices consistent with Federal requirements, assessing and improving statewide performance by setting program goals, and meeting performance standards, measures, and benchmarks.

FMCSA amended its regulations to conform to 49 U.S.C. 31102(c)(1), as amended by the FAST Act, Public Law 114-94 (2015), section 5101, and removed the requirements for the annual plans in the final rule titled, "Amendments to Implement Grants Provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act." FMCSA published this rule in the **Federal Register** on October 14, 2016 [81 FR 71010]. These changes allow States to use a multi-year plan, but do not require it.

The FAST Act section 5101, amending 49 U.S.C. 31102, required significant changes to the Agency's grant programs, including moving the border enforcement and new entrant programs into the MCSAP for allocation via the formula. In addition, section

¹ GLTRR states that the transaction described here is its initial railroad acquisition.

² A draft copy of the operating agreement was submitted with the notice of exemption.

³ See *Effingham R.R.—Pet. for Declaratory Order—Constr. at Effingham, Ill.*, NOR 41986 et al., slip op. at 5 (STB served Sept. 18, 1998), *aff'd sub nom. United Transp. Union-III. Legislative Bd. v. STB*, 183 F.3d 606 (7th Cir. 1999).

⁴ GLTRR initially submitted its verified notice of exemption on December 8, 2017, but the notice is deemed officially filed on December 20, 2017, when the Board received the appropriate filing fee.