

has agreed to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to Wilmington Terminal Railroad, Limited Partnership (WTRY), over CSXT's line between the Port of Wilmington in Wilmington, NC, at CSXT milepost ACB 249.74 and the switch at CSXT milepost ACB 243.96, and between the switch at CSXT milepost ACB 243.96 and the switch at CSXT's Davis Yard in Navassa, NC, at CSXT milepost SE 359.79, a distance of approximately 10.0 miles.

WTRY states that it intends to commence operations under the trackage rights agreement on or after the effective date of this notice. The transaction may be consummated on or after June 3, 2018, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice of exemption was filed). The purpose of the trackage rights is to allow WTRY to bridge loaded and empty trains containing containers or trailers in intermodal service in connection with CSXT's "Queen City Express" service. Pursuant to the trackage rights agreement, the temporary trackage rights will expire twelve months after the effective date of the exemption, unless terminated earlier.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the acquisition of the temporary trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk & Western Railway—Trackage Rights—Burlington Northern, Inc.*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Railway—Lease & Operate—California Western Railroad*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980), and any employees affected by the discontinuance of those trackage rights will be protected by the conditions set out in *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8). 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 May 25, 2018 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36188, 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 Eric M. Hocky, Clark Hill, PLC, One Commerce Square, 2005

Market Street, Suite 1000, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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Decided: May 14, 2018.

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

Brendetta Jones,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36194]

Progressive Rail Incorporated— Continuance in Control Exemption— Chicago Junction Railway Company, LLC

Progressive Rail Incorporated (PGR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of Chicago Junction Railway Company, LLC (CJR), upon CJR's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in Chicago Junction Railway—Change in Operators Exemption Including Interchange Commitment—Chicago Terminal Railroad, Docket No. FD 36193. In that proceeding, CJR seeks an exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to assume operations over approximately 25 miles of rail line owned by Union Pacific Railroad Company in the Centex Industrial Park and 11,500 feet of track in the adjacent Elk Grove Yard in Elk Grove Village, Ill.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is June 1, 2018, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed). PGR states that it intends to consummate the transaction on June 1, 2018.

According to PGR, it owns or operates rail lines in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois. PGR states that it also controls five Class III railroads that operate in Minnesota, Missouri, Iowa, and North Carolina: Airlake Terminal Railway Company, LLC; Central Midland Railway Company; Iowa Traction Railway Company; Iowa Southern Railway Company; and Piedmont & Northern Railroad LLC. PGR further states it already owns and controls CJR, currently a noncarrier. PGR proposes to continue in control of CJR and its existing rail carrier subsidiaries once CJR acquires the authority to lease the rail line in Elk Grove Village and becomes a Class III carrier.

PGR represents that: (1) The rail line to be operated by CJR does not connect with any other railroads in the PGR corporate family; (2) the continuance in control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect this line with any other railroad in the PGR corporate family; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I rail carrier. Therefore, the 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. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Accordingly, the Board may not impose labor protective conditions here because all of the carriers involved are Class III carriers.

If the 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 May 25, 2018 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36194, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Audrey L. Brodrick, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606-2832.

According to the Parties, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c).

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

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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