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Anne S. Ferro,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35808 (Sub-No. 1)]

BNSF Railway Company—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Partial Revocation of Exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board revokes the class exemption as it pertains to the trackage rights described in Docket No. 35808¹ to permit the trackage rights to expire at midnight on October 31, 2014, in accordance with the agreement of the parties, subject to the employee protective 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).

DATES: This decision is effective on May 10, 2014. Petitions to stay must be filed by April 21, 2014. Petitions for

reconsideration must be filed by April 30, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35808 (Sub-No. 1) to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on BNSF's representative, Karl Morell, Of Counsel, Ball Janik LLP, Suite 225, 655 Fifteenth Street NW., Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 245-0395. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at (800) 877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: April 4, 2014.

By the Board, Chairman Elliott and Vice Chairman Begeman.

Raina S. White,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Monitoring Availability and Affordability of Auto Insurance

AGENCY: Federal Insurance Office, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice; Request for information.

SUMMARY: The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act provides the Federal Insurance Office with a number of authorities including monitoring the extent to which traditionally underserved communities and consumers, minorities, and low- and moderate-income persons have access to affordable insurance products regarding all lines of insurance, except health insurance. Treasury issues this notice to elicit comment from state insurance regulators, consumer organizations, representatives of the insurance industry, policyholders, academia, and others as appropriate regarding: (1) A reasonable and meaningful definition of affordability; and (2) the metrics and data FIO should use to monitor the extent to which traditionally underserved communities and consumers, minorities, and low- and moderate-income persons have access to affordable auto insurance.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 9, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>, or by mail (if hard copy, preferably an original and two copies) to the Federal Insurance Office, Attention: Lindy Gustafson, Room 1319 MT, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220. As postal mail may be subject to processing delay, it is recommended that comments be submitted electronically. All comments should be captioned with "Monitoring Availability and Affordability of Auto Insurance." Please include your name, group affiliation, if any, address, email address and telephone number(s) in your comment.

In general, comments received will be posted on <http://www.regulations.gov> without change, including any business or personal information provided. Comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, will be part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Do not enclose any information in your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lindy Gustafson, Federal Insurance Office, 202-622-6245 (not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background: Congress passed and President Obama signed into law the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act) (Pub. L. 111-203) in July 2010. Subtitle A of Title V of the Dodd-Frank Act established the Federal Insurance Office (FIO) in the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury). The statute provides FIO with a number of authorities including monitoring the extent to which traditionally underserved communities and consumers, minorities, and low- and moderate-income persons have access to affordable insurance products regarding all lines of insurance, except health insurance.

A number of insurance products provide essential financial security to consumers, in addition to satisfying certain state laws or requirements, including, but not limited to, personal auto insurance, homeowners insurance, life insurance, and annuities. FIO proposes to monitor the availability and affordability of personal auto insurance for the following reasons:

1. With the exception of New Hampshire, all states and the District of Columbia require consumers to

¹ In that docket, on February 28, 2014, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a verified notice of exemption under the Board's class exemption procedures at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). The notice addressed an agreement in which Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) granted temporary local trackage rights to BNSF over UP's lines extending between: (1) UP milepost 93.2 at Stockton, Cal., on UP's Oakland Subdivision, and UP milepost 219.4 at Elsey, Cal., on UP's Canyon Subdivision, a distance of approximately 126.2 miles, and (2) UP milepost 219.4 at Elsey, Cal., and UP milepost 280.7 at Keddie, Cal., on UP's Canyon Subdivision, a distance of 61.3 miles. BNSF states that the trackage rights that were granted there are only temporary rights, but, because they are "local" rather than "overhead" rights, they do not qualify for the Board's class exemption for temporary trackage rights at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8). See *BNSF Ry.—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pac. R.R.*, FD 35808 (STB served Mar. 24, 2014).