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Decided: February 22, 2021.

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

Eden Besera,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36355]

Louisiana Southern Railroad, L.L.C.— Lease & Operation Exemption With Interchange Commitment—The Kansas City Southern Railway Company

Louisiana Southern Railroad, L.L.C. (LAS), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to continue to lease from the Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCS) and operate approximately 165.8 miles of rail lines extending: (1) Between a point 1,600 feet south of Highway 80 near Gibsland, La., and milepost B-192, near Pineville, La.; (2) on the Sibley Branch, between milepost 83.5, at Sibley, La., and milepost 78.8, at Minden, La.; (3) between milepost 49.6, near Cullen, La., and milepost 78.8, at Minden; and (4) between milepost 78.8, at Minden, and milepost B-102, near Bossier, La., on the Hope Subdivision (the Lines).¹

LAS states that it and KCS executed amendments on July 20, 2020 (Amendments), to the Amended and Restated Lease Agreements from 2016 (Restated Leases)² currently governing LAS's lease and operation of the Lines. The Amendments extend the terms of the Restated Leases to November 30, 2034.

LAS states that the Restated Leases contain interchange commitments and that the affected interchanges are with Louisiana and North West Railroad Company, LLC, at Gibsland and Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) at Tioga, La., both of which are located on the Gibsland-Pineville line segment, and with UP at Bossier City, La. (on the Hope Subdivision). Accordingly, LAS has provided additional information regarding the interchange commitments, as required by 49 CFR 1150.43(h). LAS

¹ According to the verified notice, LAS has operated the Lines since 2005. See *La. S. R.R.—Lease & Operation Exemption—Kan. City S. Ry.*, FD 34751 (STB served Oct. 7, 2005); *La. S. R.R.—Lease & Operation Exemption Including Interchange Commitment—Kan. City S. Ry.*, FD 35983 (STB served Feb. 5, 2016).

² Copies of the Restated Leases and Amendments with the interchange commitments were submitted under seal. See 49 CFR 1150.43(h)(1).

states that it will continue to be the operator of the Lines.

LAS certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in LAS's becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier, but that its current annual revenues exceed, and are expected to continue to exceed, \$5 million. Pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.42(e), if a carrier's projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million, it must, at least 60 days before this exemption is to become effective, post a notice of its intent to undertake the proposed transaction at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines, serve a copy of the notice on the national offices of the labor unions with employees on the affected lines, and certify to the Board that it has done so. However, LAS has filed a petition for waiver of the 60-day advance labor notice requirements. LAS's waiver request will be addressed in a separate decision. The Board will establish the effective date of the exemption in its separate decision on the waiver request.

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 March 5, 2021.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36355, should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on LAS's representative, Bradon J. Smith, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2021-0167]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Rotorcraft External Load Operator Certificate Application

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The collection involves the submission of FAA Form 8710-4 for the certification process of rotorcraft external-load operators. The information to be collected is necessary to evaluate the applicants' eligibility for certification.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by April 27, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments:

By Electronic Docket:

www.regulations.gov (Enter docket number into search field)

By mail: Dwayne C. Morris, 800

Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20591

By email: chris.morris@faa.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Raymond Plessinger by email at: raymond.plessinger@faa.gov; phone: 717-443-7296.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0044.

Title: Rotorcraft External Load Operator Certificate Application.

Form Numbers: FAA Form 8710-4.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Background: This collection involves the application for issuance or renewal