

Stock Exchange.¹⁸ Therefore, the Commission believes that Amendment No. 1 does not raise any new regulatory issues.

Accordingly, the Commission believes, consistent with Section 6(b)(5) and Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that good cause exists to grant accelerated approval to the proposed rule change.¹⁹

It Is Therefore Ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,²⁰ that the proposed rule change (SR-AMEX-98-01) is approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.²¹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent to Rule on Application (98-03-C-00-CPR) to impose and use the revenue from a passenger facility charge (PFC) at the Natrona County International Airport, submitted by the County of Natrona, Wyoming

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at the Natrona County International Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 5, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Alan Wiechmann, Manager; Denver Airports District Office, DEN-ADO; Federal Aviation Administration; 26805 E. 68th Avenue, Suite 224; Denver, CO 80249-6361.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Dan E. Mann, Airport Manager, at the following address: Natrona County International

Airport, 8500 Airport Parkway, Casper, Wyoming 82604.

Air Carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Natrona County International Airport, under section 158.23 of part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Christopher Schaffer, (303) 342-1258; Denver Airports District Office, DEN-ADO; Federal Aviation Administration; 26805 E. 68th Avenue, Suite 224; Denver, CO 80249-6361. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application (98-03-C-00-CPR) to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Natrona County International Airport, under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On April 29, 1998, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use a PFC submitted by the County of Natrona, Wyoming, was substantially complete within the requirements of § 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than July 29, 1998.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date: October 1, 1998.

Proposed charge expiration date: August 1, 2003.

Total requested for use approval: \$774,857.00.

Brief description of proposed projects: Rehabilitate water tank for airport rescue fire fighting (ARFF) use, terminal modifications, rehabilitate Runway 8/26, rehabilitate ARFF building ventilation.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFC's: None.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and at the FAA Regional Airports Office located at: Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Airports Division, ANM-600, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Suite 315, Renton, WA 98055-4056.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Natrona County International Airport.

Issued in Renton, Washington on April 29, 1998.

David A. Field,

Manager, Planning, Programming and Capacity Branch, Northwest Mountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 379X)]

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company; Abandonment Exemption; in Garfield and Logan Counties, OK

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon 42.80 miles of its line of railroad between milepost 73.60 near Fairmont and milepost 116.40 near Guthrie including the stations of Douglas at milepost 82.4, Marshall at milepost 88.4, Lovell at milepost 95.1, and Crescent at milepost 102.8, in Garfield and Logan Counties, OK. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 73736, 73733, 73056, 73028 and 73044.

BNSF has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on June 5, 1998, unless stayed

¹⁸ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 39549 (January 14, 1998), 63 FR 3601 (January 23, 1998). The Commission notes that this proposal was published for the full notice and comment period during which no comments were received.

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78(f)(5) and 78s(b)(2).

²⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

²¹ 17 CFR 200.3-3(a)(12).

pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by May 18, 1998. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by May 26, 1998, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Sarah Whitley Bailiff, Senior General Attorney, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, 3017 Lou Menk Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76131.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

BNSF has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by May 11, 1998. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), BNSF shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by BNSF's filing of a notice of consummation by May 6, 1999, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Decided: April 29, 1998.

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 193X)]

Norfolk and Western Railway Company—Abandonment and Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption—in Waynesboro, VA

Norfolk and Western Railway Company (NW) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights* to abandon a 0.14-mile line of its railroad between Station 60+00 and Station 67+56 and for discontinuance of trackage rights over a 1.12-mile line of CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), between Station 0+64 and Station 60+00 in Waynesboro, VA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 22980.¹

NW has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment and discontinuance shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d)

¹ CSXT received abandonment authority for the 1.12-mile segment in *The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company—Exemption—Abandonment and Discontinuance of Trackage Rights in Waynesboro, VA*, AB-18 (Sub-No. 86X) (ICC served Dec. 16, 1986, subject to the condition that CSXT not consummate the abandonment until NW receives authority or an exemption to discontinue its trackage rights over the CSXT line.

must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on June 6, 1998, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),³ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by May 18, 1998. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by May 26, 1998, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: James R. Paschall, General Attorney, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

NW has filed an environmental report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment and discontinuance on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by May 11, 1998. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), NW shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned its 0.14-mile line. Pursuant to the same provisions, CSXT shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted to it to fully consummate abandonment of its 1.12-

² The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

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