

from providing the notification of the noncompliance that would be required by 49 U.S.C. 30118, and from remedying the noncompliance, as would be required by 49 U.S.C. 30120. (49 U.S.C. 301118, 301120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8)

Issued on: November 9, 2001.

Stephen R. Kratzke,

Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34002]

Alamo North Texas Railroad Corporation—Construction and Operation Exemption—Wise County, TX

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board conditionally exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 the construction and operation by Alamo North Texas Railroad Corporation of a 2.25-mile line of railroad in Wise County, TX.

DATES: The exemption will not become effective until the environmental review process is completed. Once that process is completed, the Board will issue a further decision addressing the environmental matters and establishing an exemption effective date at that time, if appropriate. Petitions to reopen must be filed by December 6, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34002, to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Richard Allen, Zuckert Scout & Rasenberger, L.L.P., 888 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006-3309.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: Da 2 Da Legal, Room 405, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 293-7776. [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

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Decided: November 8, 2001.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Clyburn, and Commissioner Burkes.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34069]

Central Montana Rail, Inc.—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has agreed to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to Central Montana Rail, Inc. (CMR) over BNSF's lines between milepost 134.4 and milepost 134.57, in the vicinity of Mocassin, MT, a distance of 0.17 miles.

The parties reported that they intended to consummate the transaction as soon as practicable under this exemption. The earliest the transaction could have been consummated was November 5, 2001, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the notice of exemption was filed).¹ The temporary trackage rights are to allow CMR to serve the United Harvest grain elevator located at milepost 134.4 until such time that CMR can construct its own track.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34069 must be filed with the

¹ On October 29, 2001, CMR concurrently filed a petition for exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 34069 (Sub-No. 1), *Central Montana Rail, Inc.—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company*, wherein CMR requests that the Board permit the proposed temporary overhead trackage rights arrangement described in the present proceeding to expire on January 1, 2003. That petition will be addressed by the Board in a separate decision.

Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Tammy Wyatt-Shaw, Esq., Phillips & Bohyer, P.C., P.O. Box 8569, Missoula, MT 59807.

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Decided: November 7, 2001.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Finance Docket No. 34040]

Riverview Trenton Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation—In Wayne County, MI

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of extended comment period.

SUMMARY: The Riverview Trenton Railroad Company (RTRR) has petitioned the Surface Transportation Board (Board) for authority to acquire and operate a rail line approximately 1.5 miles in length in Wayne County, Michigan, to serve a proposed intermodal facility. The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) served an environmental assessment (EA) for public review and comment on this project on October 15, 2001. Comments were originally due by November 14, 2001. Due to recent events involving a principal postal facility in Washington, DC, timely receipt of materials mailed to the Board has been disrupted. The Board has therefore decided to extend the comment period until November 26, 2001. SEA requests that individuals filing comments, as well as individuals who have previously filed comments regarding this EA, take the following additional steps to ensure receipt of their correspondence during the comment period:

1. Telephone or e-mail the environmental contact prior to the close of the comment period and inform them that you have mailed a comment.

2. If the comment has not been received, the environmental contact will discuss alternative modes of delivery.

3. Retain a copy of your comment for your records should alternative modes of delivery be necessary.

SEA is committed to carrying out its duties to the public and regrets any inconvenience these new procedures may cause.

DATES: Comment period extended to November 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments (an original and 10 copies) regarding this EA should be submitted in writing to: Section of Environmental Analysis, Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423, to the attention of Kenneth Blodgett.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Blodgett, (202) 565-1554 (TDD for the hearing impaired (1-800-877-83439). To obtain a copy of the EA, contact Da-2-Da Legal at 1925 K Street, NW., Room 405, Washington, DC 20006, phone (202) 293-7776 or visit the Board's website at "www.stb.dot.gov".

By the Board, Victoria Rutson, Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Remote Location Filing: Extension of Deadline for Customs Brokers To Submit National Permit Numbers to Customs

AGENCY: Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a deadline extension for customs brokers participating in the remote location filing (RLF) prototype to submit national permit numbers to Customs. The original date by which customs brokers were required to submit this data to Customs Headquarters was November 6, 2001. Due to recent events that have disrupted mail service to Customs Headquarters, this date is being extended to December 6, 2001.

DATES: Customs brokers who are current participants in RLF must submit their national permit numbers to Customs on or before December 6, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submissions of national permit numbers should be sent to Customs either via email to Lisa.k.santana@customs.treas.gov or via fax to (202) 927-1096 or, in the alternative, addressed to the Remote Location Filing Team, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 5.2-B, Washington, DC 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Santana, (202) 927-4243 or via email at Lisa.k.santana@customs.treas.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

RLF Authorized by the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP)

Title VI of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, Pub. L. 103-182, 107 Stat. 2057 (December 8, 1993), contains provisions pertaining to Customs Modernization (107 Stat. 2170). Subpart B of title VI of the Act concerns the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP), an electronic system for the processing of commercial imports. Within subpart B, section 631 of the Act adds section 414 (19 U.S.C. 1414), which provides for Remote Location Filing (RLF), to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. RLF permits an eligible NCAP participant to elect to electronically file a formal or informal consumption entry with Customs from a remote location within the Customs territory of the United States other than the port of arrival, or from within the port of arrival with a requested designated examination site outside the port of arrival.

RLF Prototype Two

In accordance with § 101.9(b) of the Customs Regulations (19 CFR 101.9(b)), Customs has developed and tested two RLF prototypes.

RLF Prototype Two commenced on January 1, 1997. See document published in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 60749) on November 29, 1996. The RLF Prototype Two terms and conditions remain in effect except for those explicitly changed by a document published in the **Federal Register** on July 6, 2001 (66 FR 35693).

New Eligibility Criterion for Brokers Participating in RLF Prototype Two

One of the changes to RLF Prototype Two effected by the July 6, 2001, **Federal Register** document imposed a new eligibility criterion for participation in RLF. The eligibility criterion requires that licensed customs brokers who are current RLF participants must submit proof to Customs that they hold a national permit (*i.e.*, submission of the broker's national permit number). Failure to timely submit such proof to Customs will result in the automatic suspension of the broker's eligibility to participate in RLF. If suspended, a broker is precluded from electronically filing new entries from a remote location. If Customs receives delinquent submission of a national permit number from a broker whose suspension is in

effect, Customs, after verification of the permit number, will notify the broker of the reinstatement date of the broker's right to participate in RLF; the broker will not need to reapply to participate in RLF.

The July 6, 2001, **Federal Register** document required that proof of the national permit be submitted to Customs by November 6, 2001, and failure to timely submit such proof to Customs by that date was to result in the automatic suspension of the broker's eligibility to participate in RLF, effective November 7, 2001.

It is noted that individuals who are otherwise eligible to participate in RLF, who are not customs brokers, are not required to hold a national broker permit.

Extension of Deadline To Submit Proof of National Permit to Customs

Subsequent to the publication of the July 6, 2001, **Federal Register** document, certain events have significantly disrupted mail service to Customs Headquarters. As a result, submissions of national permit numbers to Customs may be delinquent due to circumstances beyond the control of RLF participants. Accordingly, this document announces Customs decision to extend the deadline by which national permit numbers must be submitted to Customs to December 6, 2001. Failure to timely submit national permit numbers to Customs will result in the automatic suspension of the broker's eligibility to participate in RLF, effective December 7, 2001. All other terms and conditions pertaining to delinquent submissions and, where applicable, reinstatement, remain in effect as described above.

Resubmissions via Email and fax Encouraged

Mail service to Customs Headquarters has been suspended since October 21, 2001, and, as of the date of publication of this document, it is not certain when service will resume. For this reason, Customs urges those RLF participants who previously submitted national permit numbers to Customs Headquarters via the mail, subsequent to October 1, 2001, to resubmit this data. Resubmissions should be made either via email to Lisa.k.santana@customs.treas.gov or via fax to (202) 927-1096. Similarly, those RLF participants who have not yet submitted such data are encouraged to make future submissions via email or fax to the above addresses. In the event submission via email or fax is not possible, mail submissions should be made to the Remote Location Filing