

guidelines detailed in the NPMS's operator standards document ([https://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov/Documents/2004\\_Standards.pdf](https://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov/Documents/2004_Standards.pdf)). PHMSA uses the NPMS as a tool to support various regulatory programs, pipeline inspections, and authorized external customers. Any changes to the data over the previous year submitted to the NPMS allow PHMSA to maintain and improve the accuracy of the data.

Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. § 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, PHMSA published a notice with request for comments in the **Federal Register** on March 23, 2007 (72 FR 13858). No comments were received. PHMSA is now forwarding the information collection request to the OMB and providing an additional 30 days for comments. The term "information collection" includes all work related to the preparing and disseminating information in accordance with the recordkeeping requirements. PHMSA invites comments on whether the renewal of the existing NPMS information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the DOT. The comments may address (1) whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the DOT's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

#### Type of Information Collection

Request: Renewal of Existing Collection.

#### Title of Information Collection:

National Pipeline Mapping System.

Respondents: 894 pipeline operators mapping 420,117 pipeline miles.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 14,004 hours.

Issued in Washington, DC on May 11, 2007.

**Florence L. Hamn,**

Director of Regulations, Office of Pipeline Safety.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35025]

#### Napa-Platte Regional Railroad Authority—Lease and Operation Exemption—Dakota Short Line Corp.

Napa-Platte Regional Railroad Authority (NPRRA), a noncarrier, has

filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease and to operate a line of railroad from the State of South Dakota extending from milepost 0.0, near Napa, SD, to milepost 13.4+/-, near Tabor, SD, in Bon Homme and Yankton Counties, SD (Napa-Tabor line). NPRRA would provide common carrier rail operations over the Napa-Tabor line through a third-party operator or would sub-lease the line to a third-party rail carrier. NPRRA states that, as a result of this transaction, and based on the projected revenues for the line, it expects to become and remain a Class III rail carrier.

This transaction is related to the concurrently filed notice for a modified certificate of public convenience and necessity in STB Finance Docket No. 35026, *Napa-Platte Regional Railroad Authority—Modified Rail Certificate—Between Tabor and Ravinia, SD*, wherein NPRRA seeks to extend the term of its operational authority over a connecting line segment between Tabor and Ravinia, SD (Tabor-Ravinia line) until the sale of both the Napa-Tabor line and the Tabor-Ravinia line to Wagner Native Energy, LLC (Wagner) has been completed.<sup>1</sup>

NPRRA certifies that the projected annual revenue as a result of this transaction will not exceed \$5 million. The earliest this transaction can be consummated is June 14, 2007, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the exemption was filed).

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 does not automatically stay the transaction. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than June 7, 2007 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35025, 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 Kenneth

<sup>1</sup> The Napa-Tabor line is a segment of a larger line leased by NPRRA from the State of South Dakota. The entire line extends from milepost 0.0 in Napa County, SD, to milepost 83.3 in Platte, SD, and consists of three segments (the Napa-Tabor line, the Tabor-Ravinia line, from milepost 13.4+/- to milepost 54.4, and the Ravinia-Platte line, from milepost 54.4 to milepost 83.3). According to NPRRA, Wagner and the State of South Dakota are negotiating for the sale to Wagner of the Napa-Tabor line and the Tabor-Ravinia line. Upon consummation of that sale transaction, Wagner would, according to NPRRA, operate over the segments as a common carrier through the use of a third-party rail carrier.

Cotton, Wipf & Cotton Law Offices LLC, 107 South Main Street, Wagner, SD 57380.

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Decided: May 23, 2007.

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-6 (Sub-No. 459X)]

#### BNSF Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in King County, WA

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 0.20-mile line of railroad extending between Engineering Station 73 + 58 and Engineering Station 84 + 26 in Seattle, King County, WA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 98134.

BNSF has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line to be rerouted; (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 or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements of 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 30,

2007, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by June 11, 2007. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by June 20, 2007, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to BNSF's representative: Sidney L. Strickland, Jr., Sidney Strickland and Associates, PLLC, 3050 K Street, NW., Suite 101, Washington, DC 20007.

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

BNSF has filed environmental and historic reports which address the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by June 5, 2007.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 245-0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] 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 31, 2008, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

<sup>1</sup> 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 (SEA) 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.

<sup>2</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,300. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

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Decided: May 24, 2007.

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. 288X)]

#### Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Abandonment Exemption-in Bergen County, NJ

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 1.40-mile line of railroad between milepost UQ 8.80 and milepost UQ 10.20, in Rutherford, Bergen County, NJ.<sup>1</sup> The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 07070, and includes the former stations of Rutherford Jct. and Carlton Hill.

NSR has certified that: (1) No 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 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 of 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 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

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(2), the railroad must file a verified notice with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) at least 50 days before the abandonment or discontinuance is to be consummated. NSR initially indicated in its notice of exemption a proposed consummation date of June 29, 2007, but because the verified notice was filed on May 11, 2007, consummation may not take place prior to June 30, 2007. NSR has been informed by a Board staff member that consummation may not take place until June 30, 2007.

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 30, 2007, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>2</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>3</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by June 11, 2007. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by June 20, 2007, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

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

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

NSR has filed environmental and historic reports which address the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by June 5, 2007. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 245-0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] 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), NSR 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

<sup>2</sup> 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 (SEA) 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.

<sup>3</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,300. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).