

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[Docket No. FD 35627]

Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company—Acquisition Exemption—Laurel Hill Development Corporation

Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company (SPRC), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire a 0.66-mile line of railroad owned by Laurel Hill Development Corporation (LHDC) (formerly Fay Penn Industrial Development Corporation) (Fay Penn).¹ The trackage to be acquired by SPRC is known as the Redstone Branch, extending between Rail Valuation Stations 874+34 and 839+30 in Uniontown, Pa., and more particularly described on Valuation Maps V. 23.24/16+17, containing 12.21 acres. SPRC, the current operator of the line, states that it intends to expand and upgrade wye track facilities and branch line tracks to improve operational efficiencies and to better serve its customers.

SPRC certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of the transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million.

The transaction may be consummated on or after June 20, 2012, the effective date of the exemption.

¹ In *Fay Penn Industrial Development Corporation—Acquisition Exemption—CSX Transportation, Inc.*, FD 33051 (STB served Oct. 4, 1996), Fay Penn was authorized to acquire certain rail lines extending between specified points in Pennsylvania, and in *Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company—Operation Exemption—CSX Transportation, Inc.*, FD 33051 (Sub-No. 1) (STB served Oct. 4, 1996), SPRC was authorized to operate the lines acquired by Fay Penn and also was authorized to acquire four miles of incidental trackage rights. In *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Fayette and Westmoreland Counties, Pa.*, AB 55 (Sub-No. 420X) (ICC served Nov. 28, 1994), Fay Penn, successor in interest to Fay-Penn Land Trust, obtained authority as the designee of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, along with the Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation, to acquire a rail line between specified points in Fayette and Westmoreland Counties, Pa., under the agency's offer of financial assistance procedures. In *Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company—Lease and Operation Exemption—Lines of Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation and Fay-Penn Land Trust*, FD 32737 (ICC served July 21, 1995), SPRC was authorized to lease and operate that rail line. Most recently, in *Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company—Acquisition Exemption—Laurel Hill Development Corporation*, FD 35584 (STB served Jan. 13, 2012), SPRC was authorized to acquire a number of rail lines totaling 29.09 miles in length from LHDC extending generally between Everson and Broadford, Pa., and between Greene Junction and Smithfield, Pa., including Bowest Yard and various branch lines.

If the verified 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 June 13, 2012 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35627, 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 Richard R. Wilson, 518 N. Center Street, Ste. 1, Ebensburg, PA 15931.

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Decided: June 1, 2012.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Clearance Clerk,

Raina White.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[Docket No. FD 35628]

Woodland Rail, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Line of Maine Central Railroad Co.

Woodland Rail, LLC (Woodland Rail), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate a rail line known as the Calais Industrial Track (the Line) from Maine Central Railroad Co. The Line is approximately 11.83 track miles in length, with approximately 6.75 track miles located in Maine, and approximately 5.08 track miles located in New Brunswick, Canada. As Woodland Rail acknowledges in its notice, the jurisdiction of the Board only extends to the acquisition of the portions of the Line within the United States. The end points of the Line are at engineering station 64+17 in Baileyville and engineering station 6978+84 in Calais, in Washington County, Me. The transaction includes a spur track between Woodland Junction, Me., which is engineering station 363+45, and engineering station 393+37, and another spur track at St. Croix Junction,

Me., which is engineering station 6817+12.¹

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is June 20, 2012, the effective date of the exemption.

Woodland Rail certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million.

If the verified 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 to stay must be filed no later than June 13, 2012 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35628, 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 James E. Howard, 1 Thompson Square, Suite 201, Charlestown, MA 02129.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[Docket No. FD 35629]

Eastern Maine Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Woodland Rail, LLC

Pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement dated April 30, 2012, Woodland Rail, LLC (Woodland Rail) has agreed to grant limited, nonexclusive trackage rights to Eastern Maine Railway Company (EMR) over a rail line known as the Calais Industrial Track (the Line). The Line is approximately 11.83 track miles in length, with approximately 6.75 track miles located in Maine and

¹ In a related transaction, Woodland Rail has agreed to grant trackage rights to Eastern Maine Railway Co. (EMR) to enable EMR to serve a pulp mill owned and operated by Woodland Pulp, LLC. See *E. Me. Ry.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Woodland Rail, LLC*, FD 35629 (STB served June 6, 2012).