

pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by October 16, 2013.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,600 filing fee. See 49 C.F.R. 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for interim trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than August 7, 2013. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$250 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 727X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Melanie Yasbin, Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, LLC, 600 Baltimore Ave., Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204. Replies to the petition are due on or before August 7, 2013.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by OEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact OEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA generally will be within 30 days of its service.

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Decided: July 12, 2013.

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

Raina S. White,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35748]

City of Pickens, S.C. and City of Easley, S.C.—Acquisition Exemption—Pickens Railway Company

The City of Pickens, S.C., and the City of Easley, S.C. (collectively, the Cities or Petitioners), both noncarrier political subdivisions of the State of South Carolina, have filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Pickens Railway Company (Pickens Railway) approximately 8.5 miles of railroad right-of-way between milepost 0.0, at or near Pickens, and milepost 8.5, at or near Easley.¹

In a related prior transaction, Pickens Railway filed a verified notice of exemption in September 2012 to abandon the Line,² and the Board issued a Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment (NITU) under section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d), and 49 CFR 1152.29 to permit the Cities to negotiate with Pickens Railway to acquire the Line for use as a trail (rail banking/interim trail use).³ On July 2, 2013, Petitioners filed, in the abandonment docket, a notice that a rail banking/interim trail use agreement had been reached with Pickens Railway.⁴

Here, Petitioners state that they have entered into an agreement with Pickens Railway in which Pickens Railway will convey its ownership interests in the rail line corridor, including the “residual common carrier status” (*i.e.*, the legal right to reactivate common carrier service), to the Cities. This conveyance will exclude the track and most of the track material, which Pickens Railway will retain the right to

¹ The rail line between milepost 0.0 and milepost 8.5 will be referred to as the Line. The Cities are acquiring the Line's right-of-way, but not its track or track material.

² See *Pickens Ry.—Aban. Exemption—in Pickens Cnty., S.C.*, AB 1097X (STB served Sept. 27, 2012).

³ See *Pickens Ry.—Aban. Exemption—in Pickens Cnty., S.C.*, AB 1097X (STB served Oct. 26, 2012). By decision served on May 17, 2013, the NITU negotiating period was extended until October 21, 2013. A rail-banked line is subject to future reactivation of rail service. See 49 CFR 1152.29(a)(3), (c)(2), (d)(2).

⁴ See Notice of Interim Trail Use Agreement, *Pickens Ry.—Aban. Exemption—in Pickens Cnty., S.C.*, AB 1097X (filed July 2, 2013).

salvage. Thus, Petitioners assert that, as a result of this acquisition transaction combined with the rail banking/interim trail use agreement in the abandonment docket, the Cities will hold all of the non-track rail assets that constitute the Line and will acquire ownership of and responsibility for the corridor as trail sponsor, including the common carrier reactivation right.

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or after August 1, 2013 (30 days after the notice of exemption was filed).

The Cities certify that the projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed \$5 million or exceed those that would qualify either city, or both, as a Class III rail carrier.

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 July 25, 2013 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35748, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy must be served on William A. Mullins, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Comment Request; Renewal Without Change—Administrative Rulings in Accordance With the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) Control Number 1506-0050 approval for, Financial