Hooper Spur extending from Harvey Yard, at Harvey, La., south to the end of the spur by Bayou Street.¹

NOGC and UP have recently entered into a First Supplement to their 2003 Lease Agreement that adds the following new provisions: (1) The lease term is extended from September 24, 2013, to September 23, 2023 (Section 1); (2) NOGC is permitted to construct a new yard on the leased premises (Section 2); and (3) NOGC is permitted to assess a surcharge on all NOGC traffic in order to undertake capital investments (Section 3).

NOGC has certified that the Lease Agreement contains a provision that may limit future interchange at Westwego with a third-party connecting carrier by adjustment in the purchase price or rental (interchange commitment). Consequently, the Board’s new rules established in Information Required in Notices and Petitions Containing Interchange Commitments, EP 714 (STB served Sept. 5, 2013), require applicant to submit the additional information set forth at 49 CFR 1150.43(h)(1). Applicant has provided that information.²

NOGC has certified that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in NOGC’s becoming a Class II or Class I railroad, but that its projected annual revenues will exceed $5 million. Accordingly, NOGC is required, at least 60 days before this exemption is to become effective, to send notice of the transaction to the national offices of the labor unions with employees on the affected lines, post a copy of the notice at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines, and certify to the Board that it has done so. 49 CFR 1150.42(e).

NOGC, concurrently with its notice of exemption, filed a petition for waiver of the 60-day advance labor notice requirement under § 1150.42(e), asserting that: (1) No UP employees will be affected because no UP employees have performed operations or maintenance on the line since 2003; and (2) no NOGC employees will be affected because NOGC will continue to provide the same service and maintenance on the line as it has been providing since the inception of the lease. NOGC’s waiver request will be addressed in a separate decision.

NOGC states that it intends to consummate the transaction on or shortly after the effective date of this transaction. The Board will establish in the decision on the waiver request the earliest date this transaction may be consummated.

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 will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than December 5, 2013.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35777, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Karl Morell, Ball Janik LLP, Suite 225, 655 Fifteenth St. NW., Washington, DC 20005.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: November 21, 2013.

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

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

ADDRESSES:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of the Fiscal Service

Proposed Collection: Resolution for Transactions Involving Treasury Securities

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently the Bureau of the Fiscal Service within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Resolution for Transactions Involving Treasury Securities.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 27, 2014 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Bruce A. Sharp, 200 Third Street A4–A, Parkersburg, WV 26106–1328, or brian.sharp@bpd.treas.gov. The opportunity to make comments online is also available at www.pracomment.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies should be directed to Bruce A. Sharp, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, 200 Third Street A4–A, Parkersburg, WV 26106–1328, (304) 480–8150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Resolution for Transactions Involving Treasury Securities.

OMB Number: 1535–0117.

Current Number: PD F 1010.

Abstract: The information is collected to establish an official’s authority (by name and title) when conducting transactions involving Treasury Securities on behalf of an organization.

AFFECTED PUBLIC: Business or other for profit.

1 NOGC was granted authority to lease and operate the rail line in New Orleans & Gulf Coast Railroad—Lease Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad, FD 34411 (STB served Oct. 20, 2003).
2 Regarding § 1150.43(h)(1)(vi), NOGC states that, although there is no direct connection to a third-party railroad, BNSF Railway Company and the New Orleans Public Belt are located in very close proximity to the leased lines.