

submit spatial data for any potential routes under consideration in the planning study, if known. Spatial data must be submitted to the FRA through grants.gov in either shapefile or Keyhole Markup Language (KML) file formats, utilizing the World Geodetic System (WGS) 84 datum standard. Additional guidance and instructions concerning the submission of spatial data is available on the FY14 Grant Application Solicitation homepage at www.fra.dot.gov/Page/P0701.

Section 5: Award Administration Information

5.1 Award Notices

Applications selected for funding will be announced after the application review period. FRA will contact applicants with successful applications after announcement with information and instructions about the award process. Notification of a selected application is not an authorization to begin proposed project activities.

The period of performance for grants awarded under this notice is dependent upon the project and will be determined on a grant-by-grant basis. Extensions to the period of performance will be considered only through written requests to the FRA with specific and compelling justifications for why an extension is required. Any obligated funding that has not been spent by the grantee and reimbursed by the FRA upon completion of the grant will be deobligated.

5.2 Administrative and National Policy Requirements

The grantee and any subgrantee must comply with all applicable laws and regulations. A non-exclusive list of administrative and national policy requirements that grantees must follow includes: Procurement standards, compliance with Federal civil rights laws and regulations, disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE), debarment and suspension, drug-free workplace, FRA's and OMB's Assurances and Certifications, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), labor standards, safety oversight, environmental protection, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), environmental justice, and Buy America or Buy American provisions (as applicable).

5.3 General Requirements

The grantee must comply with all post-award reporting, auditing, monitoring, and close-out requirements, as described on the FY14 Grant Application Solicitation homepage at www.fra.dot.gov/Page/P0701.

Section 6: Agency Contact

For further information regarding this notice and the grants program, please contact Mary Ann McNamara, Office of Program Delivery, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mail Stop 20, Washington, DC 20590; Email: maryann.mcnamara@dot.gov; Phone: (202) 493-6393; Fax: (202) 493-6333.

Authority: Sec. 192, Pub. L. 113-76, 128 Stat. 603; Pub. L. 111-117, 123 Stat. 3056-57; Pub. L. 111-8, 123 Stat. 934-5; Pub. L. 110-161, 121 Stat. 2393-4.

Corey Hill,

Director, Office of Program Delivery.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35820]

Blue Ridge Southern Railroad, L.L.C.—Acquisition Exemption—Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Blue Ridge Southern Railroad, L.L.C. (BLU)¹, a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR), and to operate, three rail lines in the State of North Carolina comprising a total distance of approximately 91.8 miles extending between (1) milepost T0.0 at Murphy Jct., and milepost T47.0 at Dillsboro; (2) milepost W1.0 at Asheville, and milepost W26.0 at East Flat Rock; and (3) milepost TR0.0 at Henderson, and milepost TR19.8 at Pisgah Forest.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *Watco Holdings, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Blue Ridge Southern Railroad, L.L.C.*, Docket No. FD 35821, wherein Watco Holdings, Inc. seeks Board approval under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of BLU, upon BLU's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

BLU states that the agreement between BLU and NSR does not contain any provision that prohibits BLU or may limit future interchange traffic with a third-party connecting carrier.

BLU has certified that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in BLU's becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier. Because BLU's projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million, BLU

certified to the Board on May 9, 2014, that it had complied with the requirements of 49 CFR 1150.32(e) by providing notice to employees and their labor union on the affected 91.8-mile line.

This transaction may be consummated on or after July 25, 2014, 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 will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than July 18, 2014 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35820 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, 655 Fifteenth Street NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at WWW.STB.DOT.GOV

Decided: July 8, 2014.

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 35821]

Watco Holdings, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Blue Ridge Southern Railroad, L.L.C.

Watco Holdings, Inc. (Watco), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of Blue Ridge Southern Railroad, L.L.C. (BLU), upon BLU's becoming a Class III rail carrier. Watco owns, indirectly, 100 percent of the issued and outstanding stock of BLU, a limited liability company.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *Blue Ridge Southern Railroad, L.L.C.—Acquisition Exemption—Norfolk Southern Railway Company*, Docket No. FD 35820, wherein BLU seeks Board approval to acquire and operate approximately 91.8

¹BLU is a wholly owned subsidiary of Watco Holdings, Inc.