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

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By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Brendetta S. Jones,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 363X]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Henry County, Va.

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service to discontinue service over approximately 1.40 miles of rail line from milepost DW 45.8 (near Highway 220B) to milepost DW 47.2 (near Woodvale Ct.) in Henry County, Va. (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 24112.

NSR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years and overhead traffic, if there were any, could 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 Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 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 discontinuance shall be protected under Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 109302(d) must be filed.

The Board will establish in the decision on the waiver request the public use conditions are not appropriate. Likewise, no environmental or historic documentation is required here under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and 49 CFR 1105.8(h), respectively.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) to subsidize continued rail service has been received, this exemption will become effective on February 3, 2015, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA to subsidize continued rail service under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2), must be filed by January 12, 2015. 

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to NSR’s representative: William A. Mullins, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

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Decided: December 24, 2014.

By the Board, Jonathon P. Binet, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Brendetta S. Jones,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35889]

Alabama Southern Railroad, L.L.C.—Lease and Operation Exemption Including Interchange Commitment—The Kansas City Southern Railway Company

Alabama Southern Railroad, L.L.C. (ABS), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to continue to lease from The Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCS) and operate approximately 85.6 miles of rail lines located between: (1) Milepost 17.0, near Columbus, Miss., and milepost 78.9, near Tuscaloosa, Ala., on the Tuscaloosa Subdivision; (2) milepost 0.0, at Tuscaloosa and milepost 9.3, near Fox, Ala., on the Warrior Branch; and (3) milepost 443.5, at Brookwood Jct., Ala., and milepost 429.1, at Brookwood, Ala., on the Brookwood Branch (the Lines).

ABS states that it has entered into an amended and restated lease agreement, which will extend the term of the lease until November 30, 2024, and make other minor changes to the lease. ABS also states that it will continue to be the operator of the Lines.

According to ABS, the new agreement between ABS and KCS contains an interchange commitment that affects interchange with carriers other than KCS. ABS notes that the affected interchange points are Northport, Ala., Tuscaloosa, Brookwood, and Columbus. As required under 49 CFR 1150.43(h)(1), ABS provided additional information regarding the interchange commitment.

ABS has certified that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in ABS’s becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier, but that its projected annual revenues will exceed $5 million. Accordingly, ABS 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). ABS asserts that providing the 60-day notice would serve no useful purpose because ABS already operates the Lines.

ABS, concurrently with its verified notice of exemption, filed a petition for waiver of the 60-day advance labor notice requirement under § 1150.42(e), asserting that: (1) No KCS employee will be affected by the lease because no KCS employee has performed operations or maintenance on the Lines since 2005; (2) no ABS employee will be affected by the lease because ABS will continue to provide the same service and perform the same maintenance as it has since 2005; and (3) providing advance labor notice would be a futile act because the transaction will simply extend the term of the lease agreement between ABS and KCS. ABS’s waiver request will be addressed in a separate decision.

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

1 Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at $1,600. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

2 Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Likewise, no environmental or historic documentation is required here under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and 49 CFR 1105.8(h), respectively.

2 ABS was granted authority to lease and operate the rail line in Alabama Southern Railroad—Lease & Operation Exemption—The Kansas City Southern Railway, FD 34754 (STB served Dec. 2, 2005).
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 January 9, 2015.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35889, 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 Street NW., Washington, DC 20005. Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at WWW.STB.DOT.GOV.

By the Board, Julia Farr, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Raina S. White, Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection that is due for renewed approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of International Affairs within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning recordkeeping requirements associated with Reporting of International Capital and Foreign Currency Transactions and Positions—31 CFR part 128.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 3, 2015 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments on international capital transactions and positions to: Dwight Wolkow, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 5422, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220. In view of possible delays in mail delivery, please also notify Mr. Wolkow by email (comments2TIC@treasury.gov), FAX (202–622–2009) or telephone (202–622–1276).

Direct all written comments on foreign currency transactions and positions to: Elizabeth Polich, Department of the Treasury, Room 1328, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220. In view of possible delays in mail delivery, please also notify Ms. Polich by email (Elizabeth.Polich@treasury.gov), FAX (202–622–9068) or telephone (202–622–3861).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information on international capital transactions and positions should be directed to Mr. Wolkow. Requests for additional information on foreign currency transactions and positions should be directed to Ms. Polich.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:


Abstract: 31 CFR part 128 establishes general guidelines for reporting on United States claims on and liabilities to foreigners; on transactions in securities with foreigners; and on the monetary reserves of the United States as provided for by the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act and the Bretton Woods Agreements Act. In addition, 31 CFR part 128 establishes general guidelines for reporting on the nature and source of foreign currency transactions of large U.S. business enterprises and their foreign affiliates. This regulation includes a recordkeeping requirement, § 128.5, which is necessary to enable the Office of International Affairs to verify reported information and to secure additional information concerning reported information as may be necessary. The recordkeepers are U.S. persons required to file reports covered by these regulations. The forms prescribed by the Secretary and covered by this regulation, § 128.1(c), are Treasury International Capital (TIC) Forms BC, BL–1, BL–2, BQ–1, BQ–2, BQ–3, CQ–1, CQ–2, D, S, SLT and Treasury Foreign Currency Forms FC–1, FC–2, and FC–3.

Current Actions: No changes to recordkeeping requirements are proposed at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved data collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Record keepers: 2,025.

Estimated Average Time per Respondent: one-third hour per respondent per filing.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,785 hours, based on 20,356 responses per year.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit written comments concerning: (a) Whether the recordkeeping requirements in 31 CFR part 128.5 are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Office, including whether the information will have practical uses; (b) the accuracy of the above estimate of the burdens; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the reporting and/or record keeping burdens on respondents, including the use of information technologies to automate the collection of the data; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs of operation, maintenance and purchase of services to provide information.

Elizabeth Polich, Financial Analyst.

Dwight Wolkow, Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of 14 individuals and 14 entities whose property and interests in property have been unblocked pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (Kingpin Act) [21 U.S.C. 1901–1908, 8 U.S.C. 1182].

DATES: The unblocking and removal from the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN List) of the 14 individuals and 14 entities identified in this notice whose property and interests in property were blocked pursuant to the Kingpin Act, is effective on December 23, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Assistant Director, Sanctions