

operator of the Dos Laredos Pipeline crossing the international boundary; and (2) permits the transportation in either direction across the international border of a broader range of products. The 2003 Presidential Permit only allows shipment of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). NuStar is seeking to transport other specifically defined petroleum products, including diesel.

As part of its consideration of Nustar's 2013 application, the Department prepared a SEA that supplements the Department's EA prepared in connection with the Valero Logistics Operations, L.P.'s 2003 Presidential Permit application to transport LPG across the United States-Mexico border at Webb County, Texas.

Deborah Klepp,

Director, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9555]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Rembrandt's First Masterpiece" Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), E.O. 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257-1 of December 11, 2015), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Rembrandt's First Masterpiece," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Morgan Library & Museum, New York, New York, from on or about June 3, 2016, until on or about September 18, 2016, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the imported objects, contact the Office

of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs in the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA-5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: May 3, 2016.

Mark Taplin,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No. 492X)]

BNSF Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Thurston County, Wash.

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon 1.43 miles of rail line between milepost 14.57 and milepost 16.0 in Belmore, Thurston County, Wash. (the Line).¹ The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 98512.

BNSF has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line since prior to 2005; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the Line since prior to 2005; (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 a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(c) (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 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 abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad*—

¹ The Line is a portion of a 10.2-mile line of railroad currently being leased to the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Beltline Division, d/b/a Tacoma Rail or Tacoma Municipal Beltline or TMBL (TMBL). See *City of Tacoma, Dep't of Pub. Utils., Beltline Div. d/b/a Tacoma Rail or Tacoma Mun. Beltline or TMBL—Acquisition & Operation Exemption—Lakeview Subdivision, Quadlok-St. Clair & Belmore—Olympia Rail Lines in Pierce & Thurston Cts., Wash.*, FD 34555 (STB served Oct. 19, 2004). In the verified notice, BNSF states that TMBL will be filing for discontinuance of the Line.

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 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on June 10, 2016, unless stayed pending reconsideration.² Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,³ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),⁴ and interim trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by May 20, 2016. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by May 31, 2016, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Karl Morell, Karl Morell & Associates, 655 Fifteenth St. NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

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

BNSF has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by May 16, 2016. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to OEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling OEA at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at (800) 877-8339. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking

² Although the exemption is scheduled to become effective on June 10, 2016, the transaction cannot be consummated by BNSF until TMBL obtains discontinuance authority.

³ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C. 2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

⁴ Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,600. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), BNSF shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by filing of a notice of consummation by May 11, 2017, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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

Decided: May 6, 2016.

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

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. MCF 21066]

Rose Chauffeured Transportation, LTD—Acquisition of Control—My Bus Division of Cherry Consulting of the Carolinas, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice tentatively approving and authorizing finance transaction.

SUMMARY: On April 11, 2016, Rose Chauffeured Transportation, Ltd. (Rose), a noncarrier, filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 14303 so that it can obtain approval for its acquisition of common control of the MY Bus division of Cherry Consulting of the Carolinas, Inc. (Cherry) pursuant to a July 21, 2015, Asset Purchase Agreement (APA) between the parties. The Board is tentatively approving and authorizing the transaction, and, if no opposing comments are timely filed, this notice will be the final Board action. Persons wishing to oppose the application must follow the rules at 49 CFR 1182.5 and 1182.8.

DATES: Comments must be filed by June 27, 2016. Rose may file a reply by July 11, 2016. If no comments are filed by June 27, 2016, this notice shall be effective on June 28, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to Docket No. MCF 21066 to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to Rose’s representative: Robert Norris,

Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, 101 S. Treyon Street, Suite 2200, Charlotte, NC 28280.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathon Binet (202) 245-0368. Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Rose, a North Carolina corporation, holds authority from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) as a motor carrier providing chauffeur and charter bus transportation services to the public in the states of North Carolina and South Carolina (MC-323248). Rose states that it is privately held and owned and managed by its president, H.A. Thompson, a resident of North Carolina. According to Rose, it created Rose Charters, LLC (RC), a non-carrier holding company, for the purpose of consummating the transaction between Rose and Cherry. Rose states that RC, which is managed by H.A. Thompson, does not have any operating assets or interstate motor carrier authority.

Rose further states that Cherry, a North Carolina corporation, provides consultation services related to interstate and intrastate transportation. According to Rose, Cherry’s MY Bus division owned two buses that it used to provide passenger services to churches in and around Charlotte, N.C. Rose states that the MY Bus division also possessed a Department of Defense (DOD) identification code, which allowed it to bid on DOD contracts. Cherry also holds authority from the FMCSA as a motor carrier (MC-364041). Rose states that, since entering into the APA, Cherry has ceased its activities as a motor carrier and, thus, does not compete with Rose.

Rose seeks Board authority for its acquisition of certain of Cherry’s assets pursuant to the APA, which, as noted, was dated July 21, 2015.¹ Specifically, Rose states that it acquired: (1) Two buses; (2) DOT registration number 822939; (3) FMCSA license MD-364041; (4) DOD identification code MYAJ; (5) the “MY Bus” name and all other common law intellectual property rights related to MY Bus; (6) the email address “info@mybusinc.com”; and (7) the Web site addresses, domains, telephone

¹ Rose states that, at the time they entered into the APA, none of the parties were aware of the Board’s jurisdiction over the transaction. Rose now seeks retroactive, or nunc pro tunc, approval of the transaction. The Board will tentatively approve and authorize the transaction, but only as of the date of service of this decision, and not retroactively. Absent any comments, this notice shall be effective on June 28, 2016.

numbers, and fax numbers related to MY Bus.

Rose states that the purchase of assets only does not necessarily trigger Board jurisdiction, but it argues that the Board has jurisdiction here given that there is significant preservation of the identity of Cherry’s MY Bus division. We agree. See *Cowan Transp., Inc.—Purchase Exemption—Bowman Int’l Domestic Transp., Inc.*, Docket No. MCF 20144 et al. (ICC served Dec. 30, 1993) (agency authority exists where there is preservation of the corporate identity of the selling carrier coupled with the agreement that the selling carrier will cease competitive operations).²

Under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b), the Board must approve and authorize a transaction that it finds consistent with the public interest, taking into consideration at least: (1) The effect of the proposed transaction on the adequacy of transportation to the public; (2) the total fixed charges that result; and (3) the interest of affected carrier employees. Rose submitted information, as required by 49 CFR 1182.2, including information to demonstrate that the proposed transaction is consistent with the public interest under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b), and a statement that the aggregate gross operating revenues of Rose and Cherry exceeded \$2 million for the preceding 12-month period. See 49 U.S.C. 14303(g).

Rose submits that the proposed transaction would have no significant impact on the adequacy of transportation services to the public. Rose states that it will be able to bid on and perform DOD contracts that Cherry did not have the resources to handle. In fact, Rose anticipates improved public service because Cherry had not bid on or received any DOD contracts in the years prior to the transaction, and Rose has bid on and performed several DOD contracts since the transaction “to the full satisfaction of all parties.” (Appl. 7.)

Rose asserts there are no fixed charges associated with the transaction or the proposed acquisition of control. Rose also states that it does not anticipate a measurable reduction in force or changes in compensation and benefits,

² We also note that, according to Rose, Cherry “operated a largely intrastate point-to-point and special party passenger service to local churchgoers,” but it also had interstate operations due to “its location in Charlotte, North Carolina, being a few miles away from the South Carolina border, and the fact that several churchgoers in Charlotte lived over the state border in South Carolina.” (Appl. 8) See 49 U.S.C. 13501 (the Board has jurisdiction “over transportation by motor carrier and the procurement of that transportation, to the extent that passengers, property, or both, are transported by motor carrier . . . between a place in . . . a State and a place in another State.”).