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*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 36215]

**West Memphis Base Railroad L.L.C.—Lease, Operation, and Future Purchase Exemption—City of West Memphis, Ark.**

West Memphis Base Railroad, L.L.C. (WMBR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease from the City of West Memphis, Ark. (the City) and to operate approximately 2.25 miles of rail line, extending from milepost 353.281 to milepost 355.539 in West Memphis, Crittenden County, Ark. (the Line), pursuant to an agreement entered into with the City.<sup>1</sup> In addition, the agreement gives WMBR an option to purchase the Line, which WMBR anticipates that it will be in a position to exercise in October of this year.

WMBR states that the proposed transaction does not involve, and the agreement between WMBR and the City does not include, any provision or agreement that would limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

WMBR certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and that the projected annual revenues will not exceed \$5 million.

The transaction (including the option to purchase) may be consummated on or after September 27, 2018, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice of exemption was filed).

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 for stay must be filed no later than September 20, 2018 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD

<sup>1</sup> WMBR and the City have agreed for WMBR to lease the Line for an initial term expiring at the later occurrence of: (1) Completion of certain publicly funded improvements to the Line, or (2) December 31, 2020.

36215, 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 Bradon J. Smith, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606.

According to WMBR, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c).

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: September 10, 2018.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Tammy Lowery,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket Number FRA–2008–0070]

**Petition for Waiver of Compliance**

In accordance with part 211 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that by letter dated September 7, 2018, Harsco Track Technologies (HTT) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 214, subpart D. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2008–0070.

HTT seeks an extension of the existing relief from 49 CFR 214.505, *Required environmental control and protection systems for new on-track roadway maintenance machine with enclosed cabs*, to permit continued use of a remote controlled on-track roadway maintenance machine without the requirement of an enclosed cab, operable heating and air conditioning system, and positive pressurized ventilation system. In support of its petition, HTT states the drone track tamper has been in operation since 2008 and no injuries or safety issues have been reported to HTT.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202–493–2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by October 15, 2018 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dottransportation.gov/privacy](http://www.dottransportation.gov/privacy). See also <http://www.regulations.gov/#/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Issued in Washington, DC.

**Robert C. Lauby,**

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