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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public, including the media and members and staff of governmental and nongovernmental organizations, up to the seating capacity of the room; prior registration through the event website is required. Confirmed attendees should plan to arrive at least thirty minutes in advance to check-in at registration desks and allow for a prompt start. For more information on the Space Enterprise Summit, please visit: <https://www.state.gov/e/oes/sat/spacesummit/index.htm>

The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- *U.S. Commercial Space Activities:* Outline innovative commercial space activities, the government role in stimulating such activities, and highlight examples of industry spurring changes in government activity.

- *The International Dimension:* Industry and government to explore the challenges and opportunities of international collaboration and competition resulting from the global nature of the commercial space enterprise.

- *Removing Regulatory Barriers:* Developing a robust commercial space economy through the creation of a more permissive, “light-touch” regulatory regime that accommodates rapid innovation and expansion of commercial markets.

- *Responsible Behavior in Space:* Explore efforts to improve responsible behavior in space. Examine best practices and guidelines in long term sustainability for preserving the outer space environment for future commercial space investment and use.

- *Role of International Institutions:* Impact of UN, international trade, international financial regulation, and other institutions that potentially affect value and access for space products and services.

- *Improving Analysis and Narratives for the Value of Space:* Encouraging a better understanding of the economic value of space activities on earth.

- *Best Practices in Civil SSA/STM and Debris Removal:* The respective

roles of government and commercial actors in protecting the space environment and creating industry standards and best practices regarding civil SSA/STM.

**Kenneth D. Hodgkins,**

*Director, Office of Space and Advance Technology, Department of State.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 36276]

### **CWW, LLC—Change in Operator Exemption Assigning Union Pacific Railroad Company Lease With Interchange Commitment—Palouse River & Coulee City Railroad, L.L.C.**

CWW, LLC (CWW), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to assume operation of approximately 55.56 miles of interconnected railroad line owned by the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and currently leased and operated by the Palouse River & Coulee City Railroad, L.L.C. (PCC), located between: (1) Milepost 3.76, at Zangar Jct., Wash., and milepost 33.0 at Walla Walla, Wash.; and (2) milepost 46.8 at Walla Walla and milepost 20.48 at Weston, Or. (the Line).

PCC has been operating over the Line pursuant to a 1992 lease agreement.<sup>1</sup> CWW states that it is entering into an Assignment Agreement with UP and PCC pursuant to which the 1992 lease is being assigned to CWW. Upon consummation of the transaction, CWW will provide common carrier rail service in place of PCC.<sup>2</sup>

CWW notes that the 1992 lease agreement being assigned to it contains an interchange commitment with UP.<sup>3</sup> CWW has provided additional information regarding the interchange

<sup>1</sup> The lease was originally between UP and Blue Mountain Railroad, Inc. (BMR). See *Blue Mountain R.R.—Lease, Acquis. & Operation Exemption—Union Pac. R.R.*, FD 32193 (ICC served Dec. 1, 1992). In 2000, BMR was merged into PCC. See *Watco Co.—Corporate Family Transaction Exemption*, FD 33898 (STB served July 24, 2000).

<sup>2</sup> On December 20, 2018, PCC filed a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to discontinue its lease operations over the Line in Docket No. AB 570 (Sub-No. 4X). The Board instituted an exemption proceeding in that docket on February 7, 2019. CWW's verified notice here states that PCC has advised CWW that it will withdraw that petition for exemption “upon the Board approving this proceeding and upon CWW and UP consummating their transaction. (CWW Verified Notice 4.)

<sup>3</sup> A copy of the 1992 lease agreement with the interchange commitment was submitted under seal with the verified notice. See 49 CFR 1150.43(h)(1).

commitment as required by 49 CFR 1150.43(h).

CWW certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of the transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I carrier and will not exceed \$5 million.

Under 49 CFR 1150.42(b), a change in operator requires that notice be given to shippers. CWW certifies that it has provided notice of the proposed transaction and interchange commitment to shippers that currently use or have used the Line in the last two years.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is April 19, 2019 (30 days after the verified notice 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 April 12, 2019 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36276, 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 CWW's representative, James H. M. Savage, 22 Rockingham Ct., Germantown, MD 20874.

According to CWW, this action is excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b)(1).

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

Decided: April 2, 2019.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Raina Contee,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. AB 1237 (Sub-No. 1X)]

### **New Hampshire Department of Transportation—Abandonment Exemption—Between Littleton, N.H., and Bethlehem, N.H.**

New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR pt. 1152 subpart F—*Exempt*