

Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036.

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 potential effects of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by April 30, 2019. The EA will be available to interested persons on the Board's website, by writing to OEA, or by calling OEA at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service 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 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 BNSF's filing a notice of consummation by April 25, 2020, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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

Decided: April 22, 2019.

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

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
Clearance Clerk.

[FR Doc. 2019-08368 Filed 4-24-19; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4915-01-P

## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 1274X]

### The Athens Line, LLC— Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Oconee and Clarke Counties, Ga

The Athens Line, LLC (Athens Line), has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR pt. 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* to discontinue service over an approximately 13.8-mile rail line from milepost F-91.5 (at Bishop, Ga.) to milepost 105.3 (in Athens, Ga.) (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 30601, 30602, 30605, 30606, 30677, and 30621.

Athens Line 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; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending before the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the 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 of service 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 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA)<sup>1</sup> to subsidize continued rail service has been received, this exemption will be effective on May 25, 2019, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues must be filed by May 3, 2019, and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA to subsidize continued rail service under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)<sup>2</sup> must be filed by May 6, 2019.<sup>3</sup> Petitions for reconsideration must be filed by May 15, 2019, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with Board should be sent to Athens Line's representative, Richard H. Streeter, Law Office of Richard H. Streeter, 5255 Partridge Lane NW, Washington, DC 20016.

<sup>1</sup>The Board modified its OFA procedures effective July 29, 2017. Among other things, the OFA process now requires potential offerors, in their formal expression of intent, to make a preliminary financial responsibility showing based on a calculation using information contained in the carrier's filing and publicly available information. See *Offers of Financial Assistance*, EP 729 (STB served June 29, 2017); 82 FR 30,997 (July 5, 2017).

<sup>2</sup>Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,800. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

<sup>3</sup>Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Because there will be an environmental review during abandonment, this discontinuance does not require environmental review.

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

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

Decided: April 19, 2019.

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

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
Clearance Clerk.

[FR Doc. 2019-08369 Filed 4-24-19; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4915-01-P

## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36290]

### Union Pacific Railroad Company— Trackage Rights Exemption—Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7) to acquire trackage rights from Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR). UP states that NSR, pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement, has agreed to grant UP overhead trackage rights over approximately 288 miles of NSR's rail line between the UP/NSR connection at Control Point West MC at Birmingham, Mo., near milepost S266.3 and the UP/NSR connection at Control Point Iles at Springfield, Ill., near milepost DH 416.5.<sup>1</sup>

The verified notice states that the proposed transaction will provide UP with an alternative route between Kansas City, Mo., and Springfield, thereby increasing efficiency in operations.

The transaction may be consummated on or after May 9, 2019, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice of exemption was filed).

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk & Western Railway—Trackage Rights—Burlington Northern, Inc.*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Railway—Lease & Operate—California Western Railroad*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

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

<sup>1</sup>A redacted version of the agreement between UP and NSR was filed with UP's verified notice of exemption. UP simultaneously filed a motion for a protective order to protect the confidential and commercially sensitive information in the unredacted version of the agreement, which UP submitted under seal. That motion will be addressed in a separate decision.

automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed by May 2, 2019 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36290, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on UP's representative, Jeremy M. Berman, General Attorney, 1400 Douglas Street, Stop 1580, Omaha, NE 68179.

According to UP, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c), and from historic reporting under 49 CFR 1105.8(b)(3).

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

Decided: April 19, 2019.

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

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
Clearance Clerk.

[FR Doc. 2019-08370 Filed 4-24-19; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4915-01-P

---

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee—Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee (COMSTAC).

**DATES:** The meeting will take place on May 30, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Department of Transportation (DOT) Headquarters, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC. Guests should allow time for security screening when entering the building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Di Reimold, COMSTAC Executive Director; email [COMSTAC@faa.gov](mailto:COMSTAC@faa.gov), FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Room 331, Washington, DC 20591. Complete information regarding COMSTAC is available on the FAA website at: [http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/)

[headquarters\\_offices/ast/advisory\\_committee/](http://headquarters_offices/ast/advisory_committee/).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The preliminary schedule for the COMSTAC meeting on May 30 is below:

- DOT Updates
- Industry Updates
- Infrastructure Working Group Discussion
- Safety Working Group Discussion
- Legal and Regulatory Working Group Discussion
- Competitiveness and Innovation Working Group Discussion
- Planning for future priorities

Attendance is open to the public but limited to the space available. Please confirm your attendance with the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than May 18, 2019. Please provide the following information: Full legal name, country of citizenship, email address, and name of your industry association, or applicable affiliation. If you are attending as a public citizen, please indicate so.

For persons participating by telephone, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by email no later than May 18, 2019 for the teleconference call-in number and passcode. Callers are responsible for paying long-distance charges.

If you are in need of assistance or require a reasonable accommodation for this meeting, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section at least 10 calendar days before the meeting. Sign and oral interpretation can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

Interested members of the public may submit relevant written statements for the COMSTAC members to consider under the advisory process. Statements may concern the issues and agenda items mentioned above and/or additional issues that may be relevant for the U.S. commercial space transportation industry. Interested parties wishing to submit written statements should contact the person listed below in writing (mail or email) 10 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF MEETING so that the information can be made available to COMSTAC members for their review and consideration before the meeting. Written statements should be supplied in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature and/or one electronic copy via email. Portable Document Format (PDF) attachments are preferred for email submissions. A detailed agenda will be posted on the FAA website at [www.faa.gov/go/ast](http://www.faa.gov/go/ast).

Issued in Washington, DC, April 22, 2019.

**Wayne Monteith,**

Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation.

[FR Doc. 2019-08365 Filed 4-24-19; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-13-P

---

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Waiver of Aeronautical Land-Use Assurances: New Century AirCenter Airport (IXD), New Century, KS

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent of Waiver with respect to land.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is considering a proposal from the Johnson County Airport Commission (sponsor), New Century, KS, to release 623.74+ acres of land from the federal obligation dedicating it to aeronautical use and to authorize this parcel to be used for revenue-producing, non-aeronautical purposes.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 28, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Lynn D. Martin, Airports Compliance Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, ACE-610C, 901 Locust Room 364, Kansas City, MO 64106.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to: Aaron Otto, Executive Director, Johnson County Airport Commission, 1 New Century Parkway, New Century, KS 66031, (913) 715-6002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynn D. Martin, Airports Compliance Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, ACE-610C, 901 Locust Room 364, Kansas City, MO 64106, Telephone number (816) 329-2644, Fax number (816) 329-2611, email address: [lynn.martin@faa.gov](mailto:lynn.martin@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA invites public comment on the request to change approximately 623.74+ acres of airport property at the New Century AirCenter Airport (IXD) from aeronautical use to non-aeronautical for revenue producing use. These parcels will be used for commercial/industrial operations.

No airport landside or airside facilities are presently located on these parcels, nor are airport developments