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(c) This Delegation of Authority shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 14, 2020.

**Jeffrey C. Mounts,**

*Comptroller, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority No. 354-3]

### Delegation of Authority to the Director of Financial Policy, Reporting, and Analysis of Certain Authorities Regarding Debt Collection and Waiver of Claims

#### Section 1. Delegation

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of State by the laws and authorities of the United States, including those set forth in 22 U.S.C. 2651a; the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, Public Law 104-134 (1996); the Office of Management and Budget's Determination with Respect to Transfer of Functions Pursuant to Public Law 104-316 (December 17, 1996); the Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1998, Public Law 105-264 (1998); 5 U.S.C. 4108, 5379, 5514, 5522, 5524a, 5705, 5922, and 8707; 22 U.S.C. 2671, 2716, 4047 and 4071; and 31 U.S.C. Chapter 37, and delegated to the Comptroller by Delegation of Authority 354, dated April 23, 2013, I hereby delegate, to the extent authorized by law, the duties, functions and responsibilities for the administrative collection, compromise, suspension, termination of Department collection, advance decision, settlement, and waiver of claims of or against debtors of the Department of State, pursuant to the above-mentioned authorities, to the Director of Financial Policy, Reporting, and Analysis of the Department of State.

#### Section 2. General Provisions

(a) The Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary, the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, the Under Secretary for Management, or the Comptroller may at any time exercise any function delegated by this delegation of authority. Functions delegated herein may not be re-delegated.

(b) Any reference in this delegation of authority to any act, executive order, determination, delegation of authority, regulation, or procedure shall be deemed to be a reference to such act, executive order, determination,

delegation of authority, regulation, or procedure as amended from time to time.

(c) This Delegation of Authority shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 14, 2020.

**Jeffrey C. Mounts,**

*Comptroller, Department of State.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36478]

### Dakota Northern Railroad, Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Rail Lines of BNSF Railway Company

Dakota Northern Railroad, Inc. (DN), a Class III railroad, has filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease from BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) and operate two rail lines totaling 59.84 miles: (1) Between the point of connection to BNSF at milepost 0.0, at or near Grafton, N.D., and the end of the line at milepost 48.38, at or near Walhalla, N.D.; and (2) between milepost 38.79, at or near Grafton, and the end of the line at milepost 50.25, at or near St. Thomas, N.D.

DN states that the proposed lease and operation is a continuation of an existing lease.<sup>1</sup> DN states that the parties anticipate reaching an agreement on the terms for the lease continuation in the near future and that a signed agreement is expected well before expiration of the current lease on January 31, 2021. According to DN, the proposed lease agreement will not contain any interchange commitments.

Further, DN certifies that its projected annual revenue will not exceed \$5 million and will not result in the creation of a Class I or II rail carrier.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is January 29, 2021, the effective date of the exemption (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 January 22, 2021 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

<sup>1</sup> See *Dakota N. R.R.—Lease & Operation Exemption—Rail Lines of BNSF Ry.*, FD 34816 (STB served Jan. 27, 2006) (authorizing lease and operation of 69.79 miles of line in North Dakota).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36478, should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on DN's representative, Thomas F. McFarland, Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., 2230 Marston Lane, Flossmoor, IL 60422-1336.

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

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

Decided: January 11, 2021.

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

**Eden Besera,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36447]

### Lake Providence Port Commission—Feeder Line Application—Line of Delta Southern Railroad Located in East Carroll and Madison Parishes, La.

On November 12, 2020, Lake Providence Port Commission, a noncarrier political subdivision of the State of Louisiana (LPPC or Applicant), filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 10907 and 49 CFR part 1151 to acquire from Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. (DSR), a 20-mile rail line between milepost 471.0 and milepost 491.0, together with various ancillary tracks, in East Carroll and Madison Parishes, La. (the Line). Concurrently, LPPC and the Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District (SEAEDD) filed a petition seeking expedited consideration and acceptance of LPPC's application prior to submission of evidence regarding the Line's valuation. DSR filed a reply in opposition to the petition to expedite on December 2, 2020, and stated that it would respond to the application, if accepted, in accordance with the procedural schedule set by the Board.

By decision served December 11, 2020 (*December 11 Decision*), the Board found that the application was substantially complete, except for the absence of information pertaining to the net liquidation value (NLV) of the Line. *December 11 Decision*, slip op. at 1.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Section 1151.3(a)(4) requires an applicant to submit estimates and supporting information for