SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36515]

Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company—Acquisition Exemption—Lines of Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation

Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company (SWP), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation (WCIDC) approximately 43.34 miles of rail line in Fayette and Westmoreland Counties, Pa., as follows: (1) From milepost 0.05 in Greensburg, Pa., through milepost 2.5 at County Home Junction and milepost 17.54 at the Westmoreland/Fayette County border near Everson to the end of track at milepost 23.8 in Bullskin, Pa., a distance of approximately 23.75 miles; (2) from the connection with Norfolk Southern Railway Company at milepost 3.9 in Greensburg, Pa., to milepost 0.0 at County Home Junction (milepost 2.5 on the first line above), a distance of approximately 3.9 miles; (3) the Yukon Branch from milepost 0.0 at Hunker, Pa., to the end of track at milepost 3.5 at Waltz, Pa., a distance of approximately 3.5 miles; (4) the Mt. Pleasant Sub from milepost 3.31 near Everson, Pa., to the end of track at approximately milepost 15.3 at Westmoreland Yard near Mount Pleasant, Pa., a distance of approximately 11.99 miles, including certain yard tracks and a 0.58-mile spur track at Westmoreland Yard; and (5) the W&LE Connector from the connection with SWP at milepost 0.05 to the connection with Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company at milepost 0.25 near Everson, Pa., a distance of approximately 0.20 miles (the Lines).

According to the verified notice, SWP has leased and operated the Lines since 1995.

The verified notice states that SWP and WCIDC have executed a Purchase and Sale Agreement dated April 23, 2021, providing for SWP’s acquisition of the Lines.

SWP certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in SWP’s becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier but that its annual revenues exceed $5 million. Pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.42(e), if a carrier’s projected annual revenues will exceed $5 million, it must, at least 60 days before the exemption is to become effective, post a notice of its intent to undertake the proposed transaction at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines, serve a copy of the notice on the national offices of the labor unions with employees on the affected lines, and certify to the Board that it has done so. However, SWP has filed a petition for waiver of the 60-day advance labor notice requirements. SWP’s waiver request will be addressed in a separate decision. The Board will establish the effective date of the exemption in its separate decision on the waiver request.

SWP also certifies that the proposed acquisition and operation of the Lines does not involve a provision or agreement that may limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

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 May 28, 2021.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36515, 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 SWP’s representative, Thomas J. Litwiler, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606. According to SWP, 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).

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

Tammy Lowery,
Clearance Clerk.

[Docket No. MCF 21093]

EQT Infrastructure V Collect EUR SCSp and EQT Infrastructure V Collect USD SCSp—Acquisition of Control—First Student, Inc.; First Transit, Inc.; First Mile Square, LLC; First Canada ULC; and Transit Management of Dutchess County, Inc.

SUMMARY: EQT Infrastructure V Collect EUR SCSp and EQT Infrastructure V Collect USD SCSp, each a noncarrier acting by its manager EQT Fund Management S.à.r.l. (jointly, Applicants or EQT), have filed an application to acquire control of First Student, Inc., First Transit, Inc., First Mile Square, LLC, First Canada ULC, and Transit Management of Dutchess County, Inc. (collectively, Target Carriers), which each hold interstate carrier operating authority in the United States, from FirstGroup plc (FirstGroup) and its subsidiary FirstBus Investments Ltd. (FirstBus), through a stock purchase agreement. 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.

DATES: Comments must be filed by July 6, 2021. If any comments are filed, the petition for waiver will become final.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the President’s major disaster declaration for Private Non-Profit organizations in the State of Washington, dated 04/08/2021, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster.

Primary Counties: Cowlitz and the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

James Rivera,
Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SUMMARY:

Notice Tentatively Approving
Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice Tentatively Approving and Authorizing Finance Transaction.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

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