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Issued on: June 21, 2011.

**Dan Pitton,**

*Director; Office of Mission, Architect, and Planning.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Innovative Technology Administration

#### Notice of Competition for University Transportation Centers (UTC) Program Grants

**AGENCY:** Research and Innovative Technology Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) is providing notice that it intends to conduct a competition for University Transportation Centers (UTC) Program grants for the purpose of performing multi-modal and multidisciplinary research, education and technology transfer activities supportive of Departmental priorities.

Proposals will be evaluated through a competitive process on the basis of demonstrated ability, research, technology and education resources, leadership, multi-modal research capability, commitment to transportation workforce development programs, technology transfer capability, the use of peer review, and effective partnerships to advance diversity.

The Research and Innovative Technology Administration RITA will release a detailed notice for these funds.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Curtis Tompkins, Office of Research, Development and Technology, mail code RDT-30, Research and Innovative Technology Administration RITA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone Number (202) 366-5661 or E-mail [Curtis.Tompkins@dot.gov](mailto:Curtis.Tompkins@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU, Pub. L. 109-59 section 7301, as amended by Pub. L. 110-244) authorizes the Administrator of the Research and Innovative

Technology Administration (RITA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) to enter into grants and cooperative agreements to conduct research into transportation service and infrastructure assurance and to carry out other research activities of RITA. The UTC Program will adhere to the structure and criteria outlined in SAFETEA-LU for competitive UTC Program grants.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 17, 2011.

**Curtis J. Tompkins,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Research, Development and Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35493]

#### Texas Department of Transportation—Acquisition Exemption—Line of Union Pacific Railroad Company

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a supplemental verified notice of exemption<sup>1</sup> under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) 1.28 miles of rail line on UP's Bonham Subdivision between mileposts 127.5 and 128.78, in Fannin County, TX.

TxDOT states that it has reached an agreement with UP whereby TxDOT will acquire UP's right, title, and interest in certain personal and real property in Fannin County. TxDOT further states that it will also enter into an agreement with the Fannin Rural Rail Transportation District (FRRTD) that will permit FRRTD or its operator to conduct tourist passenger operations between mileposts 94.0 and 128.78.<sup>2</sup>

A related verified notice of exemption was concurrently filed in Docket No. FD 35494, *Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc., d/b/a Texas Northeastern Railroad—Trackage Rights Exemption—Texas Department of Transportation*, whereby, following consummation of this transaction, TxDOT will grant trackage rights to Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc., d/b/a Texas Northeastern Railroad to perform freight rail service over the line.

<sup>1</sup> The notice was originally submitted on June 3, 2011, but was supplemented on June 8, 2011. Therefore, June 8, 2011 will be the official filing date and the basis for all due dates.

<sup>2</sup> TxDOT was authorized to acquire UP's interest in a connecting rail line between mileposts 94.0 and 127.5. See *State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation—Acq. Exemp.—Union Pacific RR*, FD 34834 (STB served Feb. 24, 2006).

TxDOT 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 will not exceed \$5 million.

The proposed transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or after July 8, 2011, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the 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. Stay petitions must be filed no later than July 1, 2011 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35493, 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 Richard H. Streeter, 5255 Partridge Lane, NW., Washington, DC 20016.

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Decided: June 20, 2011.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Andrea Pope-Matheson,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. EP 290 (Sub-No. 5) (2011-3)]

#### Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

**SUMMARY:** The Board has approved the third quarter 2011 Rail Cost Adjustment Factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. The third quarter 2011 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.206. The third quarter 2011 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.534. The third quarter 2011 RCAF-5 is 0.506.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* July 1, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pedro Ramirez, (202) 245-0333. Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision, which is available on our Web site, <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. Copies of the decision may be purchased by contacting the Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0236. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS at (800) 877-8339.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Decided: June 20, 2011.

By the Board, Chairman Elliott, Vice Chairman Begeman, and Commissioner Mulvey.

**Andrea Pope-Matheson,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Surface Transportation Board**

[Docket No. FD 35494]

**Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc., d/b/a  
Texas Northeastern Railroad—  
Trackage Rights Exemption—Line of  
Texas Department of Transportation**

Pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement,<sup>1</sup> the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), a Class III rail carrier, has agreed to grant local trackage rights to Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc., d/b/a Texas Northeastern Railroad (TNER) over 1.28 miles of rail line, part of Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UP) Bonham Subdivision, between mileposts 127.5 and 128.78, in Fannin County, TX.<sup>2</sup> A related verified notice of exemption was concurrently filed in Docket No. FD 35493, *Texas Department of Transportation—Acquisition Exemption—Line of Union Pacific Railroad Company*, in which TxDOT seeks to acquire from UP the 1.28 miles of rail line that is the subject of this transaction.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to provide rail service to potential customers in Bonham, TX, that were capable of being served by TNER pursuant to a lease of the subject line from UP.<sup>3</sup> TNER will operate its own trains with its own crews under the trackage rights agreement. In addition to

<sup>1</sup> A copy of the trackage rights agreement was submitted with the notice of exemption.

<sup>2</sup> The notice was originally submitted on June 3, 2011, but was supplemented on June 8, 2011. Therefore, June 8, 2011 will be the official filing date and the basis for all due dates.

<sup>3</sup> As part of this transaction, TNER advises that the UP-TNER lease will be terminated.

the trackage rights, TxDOT will lease the line to an operator that will provide tourist passenger operations.<sup>4</sup>

The proposed transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or after July 8, 2011, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the 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).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). 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 automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Stay petitions must be filed by July 1, 2011 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35494, 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 Richard H. Streeter, 5255 Partridge Lane, NW., Washington, DC 20016.

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By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Surface Transportation Board**

[Docket No. FD 35531]

**Lake Providence Port Commission—  
Trackage Rights Exemption—Delta  
Southern Railroad, Inc.**

Pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement dated May 26, 2011, Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. (DSR), has

<sup>4</sup> At Article 1(b) of the trackage rights agreement, TxDOT states that it will "give priority to TNER's freight train operations." TxDOT must ensure that tourist train operations do not interfere with TNER's ability to carry out its common carrier obligation.

agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Lake Providence Port Commission (Lake Providence) over approximately 1.25 miles of rail line between milepost 471.0 (Highway Barn near Lake Providence) and milepost 472.25 in East Carroll Parish, La., where the trackage rights line connects with a private side track and lead track owned by Lake Providence that allow rail service to the warehouses and dock at the Port.

The purpose of the transaction is to allow Lake Providence to connect its private tracks at the Port with a line it will acquire from DSR. See *Delta Southern R.R.—Aban. Exemption—in E. Carroll Parish, La.*, AB 384 (Sub-No. 2X) (STB served June 7, 2011).

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated after July 10, 2011, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the 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).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). 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 automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Stay petitions must be filed by July 1, 2011 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35531, 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 Eric M. Hocky, Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP, One Commerce Square, 2005 Market Street, Suite 1000, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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Decided: June 20, 2011.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Andrea Pope-Matheson,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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