

commerce. In addition to the basic shipping description information, we also require the subsidiary hazard class or subsidiary division number(s) to be entered in parentheses following the primary hazard class or division number on shipping papers. This requirement was originally required only by transportation by vessel. However, the lack of such a requirement posed problems for motor carriers with regard to complying with segregation, separation, and placarding requirements, as well as posing a safety hazard. For example, in the event the motor vehicle becomes involved in an accident, when the hazardous materials being transported include a subsidiary hazard such as "dangerous when wet" or a subsidiary hazard requiring more stringent requirements than the primary hazard, there is no indication of the subsidiary hazards on the shipping papers and no indication of the subsidiary risks on placards. Under circumstances such as motor vehicles being loaded at a dock, labels are not enough to alert hazardous materials employees loading the vehicles, nor are they enough to alert emergency responders of the subsidiary risks contained on the vehicles. Therefore, we require the subsidiary hazard class or subsidiary division number(s) to be entered on the shipping paper, for purposes of enhancing safety and international harmonization.

We also require the number and type of packages to be indicated on the shipping paper. This requirement makes it mandatory for shippers to indicate on shipping papers the numbers and types of packages, such as drums, boxes, jerricans, etc., being used to transport hazardous materials by all modes of transportation.

Shipping papers serve as a principal means of identifying hazardous materials during transportation emergencies. Firefighters, police, and other emergency response personnel are trained to obtain the DOT shipping papers and emergency response information when responding to hazardous materials transportation emergencies. The availability of accurate information concerning hazardous materials being transported significantly improves response efforts in these types of emergencies. The additional information would aid emergency responders by more clearly identifying the hazard.

Affected Public: Shippers and carriers of hazardous materials in commerce.

Recordkeeping:

Number of Respondents: 250,000.

Total Annual Responses: 6,337,500.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 17,604 .

Frequency of collection: On occasion.

Dated: September 8, 2011.

T. Glenn Foster,

Acting Director, Standards and Rulemaking Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35550]

American Railroad Group Transportation Services, LLC d/b/a ARG Trans—Continuance in Control Exemption—Coos Bay Railroad Operating Company, LLC d/b/a Coos Bay Rail Link

American Railroad Group Transportation Services, LLC d/b/a ARG Trans (ARG Trans), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of Coos Bay Railroad Operating Company, LLC d/b/a Coos Bay Rail Link (CBR), upon CBR's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in Docket No. FD 35551, *Coos Bay Railroad Operating Company, LLC d/b/a Coos Bay Rail Link—Operation Exemption—Oregon International Port of Coos Bay*, wherein CBR seeks Board approval to operate approximately 133 miles of railroad in Oregon currently owned by the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay.

ARG Trans states that it currently owns 100% of the stock of San Pedro Railroad Operating Company, LLC, d/b/a San Pedro & Southwestern Railroad (SPROC), an existing Class III rail carrier operating in the state of Arizona.

The parties intend to consummate the transaction on or around October 1, 2011, after the exemption becomes effective on September 28, 2011 (30 days after the notice of exemption was filed).

ARG Trans represents that: (1) The rail line to be operated by CBR will not connect with those of SPROC; (2) the continuance in control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the railroads with each other or with any other railroad in their corporate family; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I rail carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to

relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under §§ 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Accordingly, the Board may not impose labor protective conditions here, because all of the carriers involved are Class III carriers.

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 to stay must be filed no later than September 21, 2011 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35550, 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 John D. Heffner, 1750 K St., NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: September 9, 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. FD 35551]

Coos Bay Railroad Operating Company, LLC d/b/a Coos Bay Rail Link—Operation Exemption—Line of Railroad Owned by the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay

Coos Bay Railroad Operating Company, LLC d/b/a Coos Bay Rail Link (CBR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to operate 2 segments of railroad totaling approximately 133 miles of rail line owned by Oregon International Port of Coos Bay (the Port). The segments consist of: (1) A rail line extending between milepost 652.114 at Danebo, Or., and milepost 763.13 at Cordes, Or. (Coos Bay Line) and (2) a rail line extending between the junction with the Coos Bay Line at milepost 761.13 at Cordes, and milepost 785.5 at Coquille, Or. (Coquille Branch).