

FMCSA Response: The Van Hool/Coach USA application only requests an exemption from the requirements of section 393.76(c)(1) of the FMCSRs relating to the dimensions of the entry/exit into the sleeper berth. The Van Hool/Coach USA prototype sleeper berth fully conforms to all other requirements pertaining to sleeper berths in 49 CFR 393.76.

3. Mr. John Oakman, Sr. Vice President of Coach USA/Megabus commented in support of the application, stating "With this exemption we will be able to travel with two drivers, while one is driving the other will be able to be in a legal sleeping berth, thus giving us a longer safer distance of operation."

4. Mr. Tim Wayland, President and Chief Operating Officer of ABC Companies commented in support of the application, stating "Approving this exemption would allow Coach USA to fulfill its obligations as an operator towards its drivers in meeting the hours of service requirements. Approval of this exemption will also increase the number of models available to the traveling public. Increasing the number of models available to the traveling public will result in increased ridership, less traffic congestion and road wear and tear plus positive effects on the environment such as lower emissions and consumption of natural resources."

FMCSA Decision

Based on its evaluation of the application for an exemption, FMCSA grants the Van Hool/Coach USA exemption application. The Agency believes that the safety performance of motor carriers operating the subject double deck motorcoaches during the 2-year exemption period will likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety achieved without the exemption. While the proposed entry/exit does not meet the specific dimensional requirements of section 393.76(c)(1) of the FMCSRs, (1) the overall area of the proposed entry/exit is only slightly smaller than that which is required, and (2) FMCSA was able to confirm during a physical examination of the double deck motorcoach that operators are able to easily enter/exit the proposed sleeper berth. Additionally, Van Hool/Coach USA has designed and installed a second emergency exit in the sleeper berth that is 26 inches wide and 26.5 inches high that provides direct access to the exterior of the vehicle. The Agency hereby grants the exemption for a two-year period, beginning October 10, 2014 until October 10, 2016.

Terms and Conditions for the Exemption

During the temporary exemption period, Coach USA/Megabus motorcoaches can be legally operated using the reduced sleeper berth entry/exit dimensions. The motorcoaches must be constructed using the entry/exit configuration as depicted in the application. FMCSA encourages any party having information that Van Hool/Coach USA, in utilizing this exemption, is not achieving the requisite level of safety immediately to notify the Agency. If safety is being compromised, or if the continuation of the exemption is not consistent with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b) and 31136(e), FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption.

Preemption

In accordance with section 381.600 of the FMCSRs, during the period the exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with or is inconsistent with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption.

Issued on: October 1, 2014.

T.F. Scott Darling III,
Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35860]

Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad, Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Rail Line of Wisconsin Central, Ltd.

Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad, Inc. (WGNR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease from Wisconsin Central, Ltd. (WC),¹ and to operate, pursuant to a lease agreement, an approximately 6.3-mile line of railroad between milepost 95.2 near Hayward Junction and milepost 101.5 at Hayward, in Washburn and Sawyer Counties, Wis.

According to WGNR, the lease does not contain any provision or agreement that may limit future interchange of traffic with a third-party connecting carrier. WGNR states that the line connects with WC's north-south main line at milepost 96.0 at Hayward Junction, Wis.

The proposed transaction may be consummated on or after October 25,

¹ WC is an affiliate of Canadian National Railway Company.

2014, the effective date of this exemption (30 days after the exemption was filed).

WGNR certifies that the 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.

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 by October 17, 2014 (at least seven days prior to the date the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35860, 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 applicant's representative, Thomas F. McFarland, Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604-1112.

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Decided: October 7, 2014.

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

Brendetta S. Jones,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Advisory Committee to the Internal Revenue Service; Meeting

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC) will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, October 29, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Caryl Grant, National Public Liaison, CL:NPL:SRM, Rm. 7559, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224. Phone: 202-317-6851 (not a toll-free number). Email address: PublicLiaison@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988),