

Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including lists of the exhibit objects, contact Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6467). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA-5, L/PD, Fifth Floor (Suite 5H03), Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: November 24, 2014.

**Kelly Keiderling,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

[FR Doc. 2014-28455 Filed 12-2-14; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4710-05-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 373X)]

#### **Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Adams and Scioto Counties, Ohio**

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* to discontinue service over approximately 31.5 miles of rail line extending from milepost CT 73.50 at Plum Run to milepost 105.00 at Vera (West Portsmouth), in Adams and Scioto Counties, Ohio (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 45652, 45657, 45660, and 45663.

NSR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years and overhead traffic, if any, could be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication) and 40 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance of service shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion*

*Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) to subsidize continued rail service has been received, this exemption will be effective January 2, 2015, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA to subsidize continued service under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)<sup>1</sup> must be filed by December 15, 2014.<sup>2</sup> Petitions to reopen must be filed by December 23, 2014, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: William A. Mullins, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov).

Decided: November 25, 2014.

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

**Brendetta S. Jones,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

[FR Doc. 2014-28222 Filed 12-2-14; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4915-01-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 303 (Sub-No. 45X)]

#### **Wisconsin Central, Ltd.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Ashland and Iron Counties, Wis., and Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, Mich.**

Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR pt. 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service to*

<sup>1</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,600. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

<sup>2</sup> Because NSR is seeking to discontinue service, not to abandon the line, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Likewise, no environmental or historic documentation is required here under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and 49 CFR 1105.8(b), respectively.

discontinue service over approximately 77.8 miles of rail line, known as the White Pine Subdivision, between milepost 332.4 at Marengo Junction, Wis., and milepost 254.6 at White Pine, Mich., in Ashland and Iron Counties, Wis., and Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, Mich. (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 49910, 49911, 49938, 49947, 49953, 49968, 54534, 54559, 54806, and 54855.

WCL has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the Line; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication) and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) to subsidize continued rail service has been received, this exemption will become effective on January 2, 2015, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA to subsidize continued rail service under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>1</sup> must be filed by December 12, 2014.<sup>2</sup> Petitions to reopen must be filed by December 23, 2014, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to WCL's representative: Robert A. Wimbish,

<sup>1</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,600. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

<sup>2</sup> Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Likewise, no environmental or historic documentation is required here under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and 49 CFR 1105.8(b), respectively.

Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL. 60606.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at “[WWW.STB.DOT.GOV](http://WWW.STB.DOT.GOV).”

Decided: November 26, 2014.

By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Brendetta S. Jones,**  
Clearance Clerk.

[FR Doc. 2014–28410 Filed 12–2–14; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4915–01–P**

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Tribal Consultation Policy

**AGENCY:** Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of Interim Tribal Policy.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an interim policy outlining the guiding principles for all Treasury bureaus and offices engaging with Tribal Governments on matters with Tribal implications. The policy will be updated periodically and refined as needed to reflect ongoing engagement and collaboration with Tribal partners.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than April 2, 2015. *Effective date:* December 3, 2014.

*Electronic Comments:* Use the Federal eRulemaking Portal ([www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)) and follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Web site. You may download this proposed rule from [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or [www.treasurydirect.gov](http://www.treasurydirect.gov). You may also submit electronic comments to [TRIBAL.CONSU@treasury.gov](mailto:TRIBAL.CONSU@treasury.gov).

We will post all comments received to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and on the TreasuryDirect Web site at [www.treasurydirect.gov](http://www.treasurydirect.gov). The interim policy and comments will also be available for public inspection and copying at the Treasury Department Library, Treasury Annex Room 1020, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220. To visit the library, call (202) 622–0990 for an appointment. In general, comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and are available to the public. Do not submit any information in your comments or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Elaine Buckberg, Deputy Assistant

Secretary for Policy Coordination, Office of Economic Policy and Point of Contact for Tribal Consultation, Department of the Treasury at 202–622–2200 or by email at [TRIBAL.CONSU@treasury.gov](mailto:TRIBAL.CONSU@treasury.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Department of the Treasury Tribal Consultation Policy

In furtherance of Executive Order 13175, “Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments,” 65 FR 67,249, issued by President Clinton on November 6, 2000, and the Presidential Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies on Tribal Consultation, 74 FR 57881, signed by President Obama on November 5, 2009, the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) establishes this Tribal Consultation Policy (Policy). The Policy outlines the guiding principles for all Treasury bureaus and offices engaging with Tribal Governments on matters with Tribal Implications. The Policy will be updated periodically and refined as needed to reflect ongoing engagement and collaboration with Tribal partners.

#### I. Definitions

A. *Indian Tribe* refers to an Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, or community that the Secretary of the Interior acknowledges to exist as an Indian Tribe pursuant to the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994, 25 U.S.C. 479a.

B. *Tribal Government* refers to the recognized governing body of an Indian Tribe.

C. *Tribal Consultation (or Consultation)* involves the direct, timely, and interactive process of receiving input from Indian Tribes regarding proposed Treasury actions on policy matters that have Tribal Implications.

D. *Policies that have Tribal Implications* shall have the same meaning as used in Executive Order 13175, and refers to Treasury regulations, published guidance, or other policy statements or actions that have substantial direct effects on one or more Indian Tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes, or the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes. It does not include policy matters of general applicability that may have an impact on Indian Tribes or their members.

E. *Tribal Officials* refers to elected or duly appointed officials of Tribal Governments or authorized inter-tribal organizations.

#### II. Guiding Principles

A. The United States recognizes the right of Indian Tribes to self-government, and their inherent sovereign powers over their members and territories. The principle of consultation has its roots in the unique relationship between the federal government and the governments of Indian Tribes. This government-to-government relationship has a more than 200-year history, and is built on the foundation of the U.S. Constitution, treaties, legislation, executive action, and judicial rulings. Most recently, consultation was recognized in Executive Order 13175 and in the November 5, 2009 Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation.

B. Treasury is committed to strengthening the government-to-government relationships between the United States and Indian Tribes. Treasury recognizes that agency policies, programs, and services may impact Indian Tribes and is committed to consulting with Tribal Officials with regard to Treasury Policies that have Tribal Implications. This Policy will complement, not supersede, any existing laws, rules, or regulations that guide existing consultation processes with Indian Tribes.

C. Tribal Consultation will inform Treasury’s development of regulations, published guidance, and other policy statements or actions, as it will enhance Treasury’s understanding of the potential impacts of these activities on Indian Tribes.

D. Treasury is committed to developing and issuing regulations and guidance in a timely manner.

#### III. Consultation Policy

##### A. Statement of Policy

Treasury will endeavor to consult with Tribal Governments prior to issuing regulations, published guidance, and Policies with Tribal Implications. Treasury may also conduct listening sessions, meetings with individual Tribes, and informal discussions with Tribal Officials on matters of concern.

The Tribal Consultation process should achieve the following core objectives: (1) Timely identification of matters that may warrant Tribal Consultation; (2) implementation of a process that is accessible and convenient to Tribal participants; and (3) development of meaningful, transparent, and accountable dialogue involving the appropriate participants. Consistent with Executive Order 13175, Tribal Consultation is not required for actions to enforce requirements administered by the agency or actions to