

be designated by the Department of State.

*Article 13.* This permit shall expire five years from the date of issuance in the event that the permittee has not commenced construction of the United States facilities by that deadline.

*In witness whereof,* I, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of March 2017 in the City of Washington, District of Columbia.

Thomas A. Shannon, Jr.

*Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.*

End of permit text.

Dated: March 23, 2017.

**Richard W. Westerdale II,**

*Director, Energy Resources Bureau, Energy Governance and Access, Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 390X)]

### **Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio**

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR pt. 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 6.5 miles of rail line: (a) between milepost ZX 12.1 and milepost ZX 15.4; and (b) between milepost ZQ 0.0 and milepost ZQ 3.2 in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 45402, 45403, 45410, 45432, and 45420.

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 there were 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 (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(c) (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 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

abandonment 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) has been received, this exemption will be effective on May 4, 2017, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and interim trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by April 14, 2017. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by April 24, 2017, 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 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.

NSR has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by April 7, 2017. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to OEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling OEA at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

<sup>1</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C. 2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>2</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,700. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), NSR shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the Line. If consummation has not been effected by filing of a notice of consummation by April 4, 2018, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "WWW.STB.GOV."

Decided: March 30, 2017.

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

**Raina S. Cantee,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

#### **Electronic Logging Device Technical Specification Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces a public meeting to discuss the technical specifications in Appendix A to Subpart B of part 395, Functional Specifications for All Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs), as published in the "Electronic Logging Devices and Hours of Service Supporting Documents" Final Rule (ELD Rule). This meeting will be a forum for discussion of the minimum requirements for ELDs and is being held to help manufacturers produce ELDs that will comply with the ELD Rule.

**DATES:** The public meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Eastern Time (E.T.). A copy of the agenda for the meeting will be available in advance of the meeting at <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1953139>.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. DOT Headquarters Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Those interested in attending this public meeting must register at: <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1953139> by April 25, 2017. Attendees should arrive at the U.S. DOT Headquarters Building by 8:30 a.m. to allow sufficient time to clear security. FMCSA requests that questions