

structure of Maritime Service Portfolios (MSPs)

- Updating of the GMDSS master plan and guidelines on MSI (maritime safety information) provisions
- Consequential work related to the new Polar Code
- Revision of SOLAS chapters III and IV for Modernization of the GMDSS, including related and consequential amendments to other existing instruments (2021)
- Response to matters related to the Radiocommunication ITU R Study Group and ITU World Radiocommunication Conference
- Measures to protect the safety of persons rescued at sea
- Developments in GMDSS satellite services
- Revised Performance Standards for EPIRBs operating on 406 MHz (resolution A.810(19)) to include Cospas-Sarsat MEOSAR and second generation beacons
- Further development of the provision of global maritime SAR services
- Guidelines on harmonized aeronautical and maritime search and rescue procedures, including SAR training matters
- Amendments to the IAMSAR Manual
- Unified interpretation of provisions of IMO safety, security, and environment-related Conventions
- Biennial status report and provisional agenda for NCSR 7
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2020

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is delayed or closed by visiting www.opm.gov/status/.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36235]

Great Northwest Railroad, L.L.C.— Amendment of Trackage Rights Exemption Containing Interchange Commitment—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Great Northwest Railroad, L.L.C. (GRNW) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7) to amend its existing overhead trackage rights over a rail line owned by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP). GRNW states that the existing trackage rights extend over UP's line of railroad between milepost 10.46 at Riparia, Wash., and milepost 267.10 at Ayer, Wash. (the Line). The total distance is approximately 15.10 miles.¹

GRNW states that the amended trackage rights agreement between it and UP (the Amendment) will permit GRNW to provide local service to a new facility locating on the Line.

According to GRNW, the Amendment includes an interchange commitment. As required under 49 CFR 1180.4(g)(4), GRNW has provided additional information regarding the interchange commitment.

The transaction may be consummated on or after January 2, 2019, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice of 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).

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. Petitions to stay must be filed by December 26, 2018 (at least

¹ GRNW states that it acquired incidental overhead trackage rights on the Line by assignment from Camas Prairie RailNet, Inc. *Great N.W. R.R.—Acquis. & Operation Exemption—Camas Prairie RailNet, Inc.*, FD 34474 (STB served Mar. 19, 2004).

seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36235, 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 Karl Morell, Karl Morell & Associates, 440 1st Street NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20001.

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Decided: December 13, 2018.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Raina Contee,
Clearance Clerk.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Modification of Section 301 Action: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of modification of action.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the direction of the President, the U.S. Trade Representative (Trade Representative) has determined to modify the action being taken in this Section 301 investigation by postponing the date on which the rate of the additional duties will increase to 25 percent for the products of China covered by the September 2018 action in this investigation. As set out in this notice, the rate of additional duty for the products covered by the September 2018 action will increase to 25 percent on March 2, 2019.

DATES: On March 2, 2019 at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, the rate of additional duty will increase to 25 percent with respect to products covered by the September 2018 action.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice, contact Assistant General Counsels Arthur Tsao or Megan Grimbail, or Director of Industrial Goods Justin Hoffmann at (202) 395-5725. For questions on customs classification or implementation of additional duties on products covered by the September 2018 action, contact traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: