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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36348]

Motive Rail, Inc. d/b/a Illinois Terminal Belt—Lease and Operation Exemption—Illinois Central Railroad Company

Motive Rail, Inc. d/b/a Illinois Terminal Belt (ITB), a Class III railroad, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease from Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) and operate approximately 10.7 miles of rail line from milepost 784.2 in Heyworth, Ill. to milepost 773.5 in Clinton, Ill. (the Line).

ITB states that it has entered into a track lease with IC to provide common carrier service on the Line. According to ITB, the track lease between ITB and IC does not contain an interchange commitment.

ITB certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of the proposed transaction will not exceed \$5 million and that the transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier.

This transaction may be consummated on or after October 11, 2019 (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

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 for stay must be filed no later than October 4, 2019 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36348, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on ITB's representative: Eric M. Hocky, Clark Hill PLC, Two Commerce Square, 2001 Market Street, Suite 2620, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

According to ITB, this action is excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 795X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Harlan County, Ky

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR pt. 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* to discontinue service over an approximately 16.22-mile rail line on its Louisville Division, CV Subdivision, known as the Clover Fork Branch between milepost OWH 242.28 and milepost OWH 258.5, in Harlan County, Ky. (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 40831, 40801, 40806, and 40828. CSXT states that there are 13 stations on the Line,¹ and that they can all be closed.

CSXT has certified that: (1) No freight traffic has moved over the Line for two years; (2) no overhead traffic has been operated and therefore none needs to be rerouted; (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 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.

¹ The stations are listed as Dartmont (OWH 243), Kitts (OWH 244), Coxton (OWH 245), Brookside (OWH 246), Ages (OWH 247), Parkdale (OWH 248), Verda (OWH 249), Harcow (OWH 250), Evarts (OWH 251), Black Mountain (OWH 252), Dartmont (OWH 253), Pillsbury (OWH 254), and Highsplint (OWH 257).

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA)² to subsidize continued rail service has been received, this exemption will be effective on October 27, 2019,³ 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)⁴ must be filed by October 7, 2019.⁵ Petitions for reconsideration must be filed by October 17, 2019, 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 CSXT's representative, Louis E. Gitomer, Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, LLC, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204.

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

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

National Express Transit Corporation—Acquisition of Control—Fox Bus Lines, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.
ACTION: Notice Tentatively Approving and Authorizing Finance Transaction.

SUMMARY: On August 30, 2019, National Express Transit Corporation (National Express), an intrastate passenger motor carrier, filed an application for National Express to acquire control of Fox Bus

² Persons interested in submitting an OFA to subsidize continued rail service must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer, indicating the intent to file an OFA for subsidy and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i).

³ CSXT initially submitted its verified notice on September 3, 2019. CSXT subsequently filed an updated affidavit certifying newspaper publication on September 9, 2019, which will be considered the filing date in the proceeding.

⁴ The filing fee for OFAs can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

⁵ Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Because there will be an environmental review during abandonment, this discontinuance does not require environmental review.