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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 13, 2021, the U.S. Government applied the measures authorized in Section 3 of the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act (Pub. L. 109-353) against the following foreign persons identified in the report submitted pursuant to Section 2(a) of the Act:

Ningbo Vet Energy Technology Co., Ltd. (China) and any successor, sub-unit, or subsidiary thereof;

Ningbo Zhongjun International Trade Co., Ltd. (NBZJ) (China) and any successor, sub-unit, or subsidiary thereof;

Rim Ryong Nam [DPRK Munitions Industry Department (MID) Official] (North Korean individual in China).

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 3 of the Act, the following measures are imposed on these persons:

1. No department or agency of the U.S. government may procure or enter into any contract for the procurement of any goods, technology, or services from these foreign persons, except to the extent that the Secretary of State otherwise may determine;

2. No department or agency of the U.S. government may provide any assistance to these foreign persons, and these persons shall not be eligible to participate in any assistance program of the U.S. government, except to the extent that the Secretary of State otherwise may determine;

3. No U.S. government sales to these foreign persons of any item on the United States Munitions List are permitted, and all sales to these persons of any defense articles, defense services, or design and construction services under the Arms Export Control Act are terminated; and

4. No new individual licenses shall be granted for the transfer to these foreign persons of items the export of which is controlled under the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 or the Export Administration Regulations, and any existing such licenses are suspended.

These measures shall be implemented by the responsible departments and agencies of the U.S. government and will remain in place for two years from the effective date, except to the extent that the Secretary of State may subsequently determine otherwise.

**Gonzalo O. Suarez,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary,  
International Security and Nonproliferation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11332]

### Republic of Cuba Designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism (SST)

In accordance with section 6(j)(1) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App. 2405(j)), and as continued in effect by Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001, section 620A(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, Public Law 87-195, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2371(c)), and section 40(f) of the Arms Export Control Act, Public Law 90-629, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2780(f)), I hereby determine that the Republic of Cuba has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism.

This notice shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 12, 2021.

**Michael R. Pompeo,**  
*Secretary of State.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36480]

### Union Pacific Railroad Company— Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—BNSF Railway Company

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), a Class I railroad, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8) for the acquisition of temporary overhead trackage rights over an approximately 51.7-mile rail line of BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) between milepost 579.3 on BNSF's Creek Subdivision near Mill Creek, Okla., and milepost 631.0 on BNSF's Madill Subdivision near Joe Junction, Tex., pursuant to the terms of a written temporary trackage rights agreement dated December 31, 2020 (Agreement).<sup>1</sup>

UP states that the sole purpose of the temporary trackage rights is to allow UP to move loaded and empty unit ballast trains, which will be used solely for UP maintenance-of-way projects. UP states that the temporary trackage rights will expire on December 31, 2021.

The transaction may be consummated on or after February 7, 2021, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the acquisition of the temporary trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in

<sup>1</sup> A copy of the Agreement was filed with the verified notice.

*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), and any employees affected by the discontinuance of those trackage rights will be protected by the conditions set out in *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

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 January 29, 2021 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36480, should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on UP's representative, Jeremy Berman, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1400 Douglas Street, Stop 1580, Omaha, NE 68179.

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

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Decided: January 14, 2021.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director,  
Office of Proceedings.

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

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36466]

### San Joaquin Valley Railroad Co.— Lease and Operation Exemption Including Interchange Commitment— Union Pacific Railroad Company

San Joaquin Valley Railroad Co. (SJVR), a Class III railroad, filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to continue to lease from Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and operate 101.5 miles of rail lines (the Lines), specifically: (1) The Westside Branch (Lower Los Banos) from Oxalis, Cal., milepost 159.9 to milepost 181.9,

at or near Ingle, Cal.; (2) the Westside Branch (Lower Los Banos) from Ingle, milepost 181.9 to Fresno, Cal., at milepost 207.0 and including the Riverdale Branch from Ingle, milepost 181.8 to the end of the track at or near milepost 206.2 at Burrell, Cal.; (3) the Buttonwillow Branch from Kern Jct., Cal., milepost 316.3 to Gosford, Cal., milepost 322.6; and (4) the Buttonwillow Branch from Gosford, milepost 322.6 to the end of the track at or near Buttonwillow, Cal., milepost 346.3.

According to SJVR, it has entered into a lease with UP (the Lease) to replace a 1994 lease (the Original Lease) between UP's predecessor company, Southern Pacific Transportation Company, and SJVR, as an assignee of Port Railroads, Inc., and that SJVR is currently the operator of the Lines under the Original Lease.<sup>1</sup> SJVR states that it entered the Lease with UPRR on December 28, 2020, to further extend the term of the Original Lease and make other commercial revisions and that SJVR will continue to be the operator after the transaction.

SJVR certifies that the Lease contains an interchange commitment.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, SJVR has provided additional information regarding the interchange commitment, as required by 49 CFR 1150.43(h).

SJVR certifies that its projected revenues as a result of the transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III carrier but also certifies that its revenues currently exceed \$5 million. Pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.42(e), if a carrier's projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million, it must, at least 60 days before the exemption becomes effective, post a notice of its intent to undertake the proposed transaction at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines, serve a copy of the notice on the national offices of the labor unions with employees on the affected lines, and certify to the Board that it has done so. However, SJVR's verified notice includes a request for waiver of the 60-day advance labor notice requirements. SJVR's waiver request will be addressed in a separate decision. The Board will establish the effective

<sup>1</sup> See *Port R.R.—Lease & Operation Exemption—S. Pac. Transp. Co.*, FD 32457 (ICC served Mar. 14, 1994) (authorizing lease of approximately 107.433 miles of line); *San Joaquin Valley R.R.—Corp. Family Transaction Exemption—Port R.R.s.*, FD 32906 (STB served May 3, 1996). According to the verified notice, the milepost designations differ slightly from the Original Lease, reflecting updated mileposts on the Lines.

<sup>2</sup> A copy of the Lease with the interchange commitment was submitted under seal. See 49 CFR 1150.43(h)(1).

date of the exemption in its separate decision on the waiver request.

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 January 29, 2021.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36466, should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on SJVR's representative, Eric M. Hocky, Clark Hill PLC, Two Commerce Square, 2001 Market St., Suite 2620, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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

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Decided: January 15, 2021.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Kenyatta Clay,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR-2020-0037]

### Notice of Determination Pursuant to Section 301: Vietnam's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Currency Valuation

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Trade Representative has determined that Vietnam's acts, policies, and practices related to currency valuation, including excessive foreign exchange market interventions and other related actions, taken in their totality, are unreasonable and burden or restrict U.S. commerce, and thus actionable under Section 301.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions concerning the investigation, contact Michael T. Gagain, Assistant General Counsel, 202-395-9529, or Marta M. Prado, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Southeast Asia and the Pacific, 202-395-6216.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. Proceedings in the Investigation

On October 2, 2020, the U.S. Trade Representative initiated an investigation of Vietnam's acts, policies, and practices related to the valuation of its currency pursuant to section 302(b)(1)(A) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the Trade Act). See 85 FR 63637 (Oct. 8, 2020) (notice of initiation). In the notice of initiation, USTR explained that the Government of Vietnam, through the State Bank of Vietnam, tightly manages the value of its currency, and that the State Bank of Vietnam's management of Vietnam's currency is closely tied to the U.S. dollar. USTR also explained that available analysis indicated that Vietnam's currency had been undervalued over the past three years, and that available evidence indicated that Vietnam, through the State Bank of Vietnam, actively intervened in the exchange market, which contributed to the dong's undervaluation in 2019.

The notice of initiation solicited written comments regarding various issues in the investigation. Interested persons filed 66 written submissions in response to the notice of initiation.

In a notice published on November 25, 2020, USTR announced further opportunities for public input. See 85 FR 75397 (Nov. 25, 2020) (hearing notice). In the hearing notice, USTR announced that the interagency Section 301 Committee would hold a virtual public hearing on December 29, 2020, and that interested persons could submit post-hearing comments, addressed to any matter raised in the hearing testimony or prior written submissions, by January 7, 2021. In response to an inquiry from certain interested persons, USTR confirmed that post-hearing comments may address the December 16, 2020, Department of the Treasury report on *Macroeconomic and Foreign Exchange Policies of Major Trading Partners of the United States*. During the public hearing, 21 witnesses provided testimony and responded to questions. USTR received 18 written submissions following the hearing.

The written submissions are publicly available on the docket in this investigation. A transcript of the public hearing is available on the public docket and is posted on USTR's website.

Under section 303 of the Trade Act, the U.S. Trade Representative requested consultations with the Government of Vietnam regarding the issues involved in the investigation. Consultations were held on December 23, 2020.