

Notice is hereby given that any interested person may submit written comments on the transaction, within fifteen days of the date of this publication, to the Associate Administrator for Investment and Innovation, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW, Washington, DC 20416.

**Bailey DeVries,**

*Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 36562]

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

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), a Class I rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7) for overhead trackage rights over approximately 68 miles of rail line owned by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) between Attalia, Wash., and Riparia, Wash.; specifically, from UP Ayer Sub milepost 215 to milepost 269 and 14 miles over the Riparia Industrial Lead (the Line).

BNSF and UP have entered into a written trackage rights agreement that grants BNSF trackage rights over the Line, over which BNSF and its predecessors have operated since 1967.<sup>1</sup>

The transaction may be consummated on December 9, 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 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 for stay must be filed by December 2, 2021 (at least

seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36562, 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 BNSF's representative, Peter W. Denton, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036.

According to BNSF, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(3) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b)(3).

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: November 19, 2021.

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

**Brendetta Jones,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 36563]

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

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7) to acquire overhead trackage rights from Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP). BNSF states that UP, pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement, has granted BNSF overhead trackage rights over approximately 0.672 miles of UP's rail line between milepost 444.5, at or near Congo, Mo., on UP's River Subdivision, and milepost 445.2, at or near Kansas City Terminal Railway's Rock Creek Junction Connection in Kansas City, Mo. (the Line).<sup>1</sup> BNSF states that the purpose of these trackage rights is to permit BNSF to operate through trains over the Line.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is December 9, 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 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 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 by December 2, 2021 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36563, 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 BNSF's representative, Peter W. Denton, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

According to BNSF, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(3) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b)(3).

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: November 18, 2021.

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

**Regena Smith-Bernard,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 36561]

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

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), a Class I rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 U.S.C. 1180.2(d)(7) for local and overhead trackage rights over approximately 25 miles of rail line owned by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) between Sterling, Colo., near UP milepost 56.71, and Union, Colo., near UP milepost 81.1, on UP's Julesburg Subdivision (the Line).

Pursuant to a June 25, 2021 written trackage rights agreement (amended on November 5, 2021), UP has agreed to grant trackage rights to BNSF over the Line.<sup>1</sup> According to the verified notice,

<sup>1</sup> An executed, redacted version of the trackage rights agreement and an executed version of the November 5, 2021 amendment were filed with the

<sup>1</sup> A redacted version of the trackage rights agreement between UP and BNSF was filed with the verified notice. An unredacted version of the agreement was submitted to the Board under seal concurrently with a motion for protective order, which is addressed in a separate decision.

<sup>1</sup> A redacted copy of the agreement, dated October 27, 2021, is attached to the verified notice. An unredacted copy has been filed under seal along with a motion for protective order pursuant to 49 CFR 1104.14. That motion is addressed in a separate decision.

BNSF and its predecessors have operated trackage rights over the Line since 1951. See *Chi., Burlington & Quincy R.R.—Trackage Rts.*, FD 17482 (ICC served Dec. 18, 1951).

The transaction may be consummated on or after December 9, 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 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 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 by December 2, 2021 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. 36561, 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 BNSF's representative, Peter W. Denton, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036.

According to BNSF, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(3) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b)(3).

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

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

**Raina White,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Tennessee Valley Authority.

verified notice. An executed, unredacted version of the agreement was submitted to the Board under seal concurrently with a motion for protective order. That motion is addressed in a separate decision.

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice of submission of information collection approval and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Tennessee Valley Authority is soliciting public comments on this proposed collection.

**DATES:** Comments should be sent to the Public Information Collection Clearance Officer no later than January 17, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for information, including copies of the information collection proposed and supporting documentation, should be directed to the Public Information Collection Clearance Officer: Jennifer A. Wilds, Specialist, Records Compliance, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 W Summit Hill Dr., CLK-320, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1401; telephone (865) 632-6580 or by email at [pra@tva.gov](mailto:pra@tva.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Title of Information Collection:*  
Distribution Technology Capability Assessment.

*Frequency of Use:* Every 2 years.

*Type of Affected Public:* State, local, and tribal governments; small businesses; non-profit organizations.

*Small Businesses or Organizations Affected:* Yes.

*Federal Budget Functional Category Code:* 455.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 153.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 306.

*Estimated Average Burden Hours per Response:* 2.0.

*Need For and Use of Information:* As the Balancing Authority of the region, TVA must ensure the electrical grid is reliable. With the growth of Distributed Energy Resources (DER) on the distribution system, TVA and the Local Power Companies (LPCs) must work in tighter coordination to ensure the DER generation does not impact the reliability of the bulk electric system. To support this goal, TVA must understand the current distribution capabilities of the LPCs. Examples of capabilities include but are not limited to customer analytics, advanced asset management, advanced AMI, automated switching, DER monitoring & control, grid planning and voltage optimization. To ease access and completion, information will be submitted online. Once collected, the information will be reviewed by TVA staff and consultants to determine each LPC's state of and plan for system

modernization and will inform strategic investment roadmaps and implementation plans that are being developed as part of the Regional Grid Transformation initiative. Summary level information will be provided to the participating LPCs to allow them to gauge where they stand in terms of their technical capabilities compared to their peers which could help give them useful information that informs their individual priorities and investment plans.

**Rebecca L. Coffey,**  
Agency Records Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2021-0014]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

**ACTION:** Notice of applications for exemption; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces receipt of applications from 11 individuals for an exemption from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in interstate commerce. If granted, the exemptions will enable these individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce without meeting the vision requirement in one eye.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 27, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA-2021-0014 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), insert the docket number, FMCSA-2021-0014, in the keyword box, and click "Search." Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, and click on the "Comment" button. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Dockets Operations; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200