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## STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

### SJI Board of Directors Meeting, Notice

**AGENCY:** State Justice Institute.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this meeting is to consider grant applications for the 2nd quarter of FY 2024, and other business.

**DATES:** The SJI Board of Directors will be meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 1 p.m. PT.

**ADDRESSES:** Nevada Supreme Court Law Library, 201 South Carson Street, Room 107, Carson City, Nevada.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathan Mattiello, Executive Director, State Justice Institute, 12700 Fair Lakes Circle, Suite 340, Fairfax, VA 22033, 703-660-4979, [contact@sj.gov](mailto:contact@sj.gov).

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 10702(f))

**Jonathan D. Mattiello,**

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36486 (Sub-No. 6)]

### Grainbelt Corporation—Trackage Rights Exemption—BNSF Railway Company

Grainbelt Corporation (GNBC), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7) to extend the term of the previously amended, local trackage rights on trackage owned by BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) between approximately milepost 668.73 in Long, Okla., and approximately milepost 723.30 in Quanah, Tex. (the Line). The trackage rights allow GNBC to (1) use the Line to access the Plains Cotton Cooperative Association (PCCA) facility near BNSF Chickasha Subdivision milepost 688.6 at Altus, Okla., and (2) operate additional trains on the Line to accommodate the movement of trains transporting BNSF customers' railcars (loaded or empty) located along the

Line, to unit train facilities on the Line (collectively, the PCCA Trackage Rights).<sup>1</sup> GNBC and BNSF have entered into an amendment to extend the PCCA Trackage Rights until March 31, 2025.<sup>2</sup>

The transaction may be consummated on or after March 31, 2024, 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 no later than March 22, 2024 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36486 (Sub-No. 6), must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on GNBC's representative, Eric M. Hocky, Clark Hill PLC, Two Commerce Square, 2001 Market Street, Suite 2620, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

According to GNBC, 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).

<sup>1</sup> GNBC states that it originally acquired overhead trackage rights from BNSF's predecessor between Snyder Yard at milepost 664.00 and Quanah at milepost 723.30, allowing GNBC to interchange at Quanah with BNSF and Union Pacific Railroad Company. According to GNBC, these original trackage rights were amended over the years to allow various local services to be provided. In 2021, BNSF and GNBC amended the trackage rights to include the PCCA Trackage Rights, see *Grainbelt Corp.—Trackage Rts. Exemption—BNSF Ry.*, FD 36486 (STB served Mar. 12, 2021), and those trackage rights were extended in 2022, see *Grainbelt Corp.—Trackage Rts. Exemption—BNSF Ry.*, FD 36486 (Sub No. 2) (STB served Mar. 8, 2022), and again in 2023, see *Grainbelt Corp.—Trackage Rts. Exemption—BNSF Ry.*, FD 36486 (Sub-No. 4) (STB served Mar. 9, 2023).

<sup>2</sup> GNBC states that its verified notice is related to a petition for partial revocation, in which GNBC seeks authority to allow the trackage rights at issue here to expire automatically on March 31, 2025, the termination date set forth in the amended trackage rights agreement. GNBC's petition for partial revocation will be addressed in a separate decision in Docket No. FD 36486 (Sub-No. 7).

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

Decided: March 12, 2024.

By the Board, Mai T. Dinh, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Raina White,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Buy America Waiver Notification

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides information regarding FHWA's finding that it is appropriate to grant a Buy America waiver to the City of Mount Vernon, Washington, for procurement of non-domestic iron and steel products and components, used in construction of the Mount Vernon Library Commons Project (Project) in the City of Mount Vernon, Washington. The waiver relates specifically to manufactured products that are part of the elevator equipment; mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems; and architectural elements of the Project.

**DATES:** The effective date of the waiver is March 18, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about this notice, please contact Mr. Brian Hogge, FHWA Office of Infrastructure, 202-366-1562, or via email at [Brian.Hogge@dot.gov](mailto:Brian.Hogge@dot.gov). For legal questions, please contact Mr. David Serody, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, 202-366-1345, or via email at [David.Serody@dot.gov](mailto:David.Serody@dot.gov). Office hours for FHWA are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Electronic Access

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##### Background

The FHWA's Buy America requirements for steel and iron are set forth at 23 U.S.C. 313 and 23 CFR 635.410 and require that all steel and iron that are permanently incorporated into a Federal-aid project must be