

members will have sufficient medical resources at a diplomatic mission abroad to maintain the health and fitness of the individual and family members.

Methodology

The respondent will obtain the DS-3057 form from their human resources representative or download the form from a Department website. The respondent will complete and submit the form offline.

Karl Field,

Director of Medical Clearances.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36383]

3i RR Holdings GP LLC, 3i Holdings Partnership L.P., 3i RR LLC, Regional Rail Holdings, LLC, and Regional Rail, LLC—Control Exemption—Carolina Coastal Railway, Inc.

3i RR Holdings GP LLC, 3i Holdings Partnership L.P., 3i RR LLC, and Regional Rail Holdings, LLC (collectively, 3i RR), and Regional Rail, LLC (Regional Rail), all noncarriers, have filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to acquire from Douglas S. Golden the stock and control of the Carolina Coastal Railway, Inc. (CLNA), a Class III rail carrier that operates in North Carolina and South Carolina.¹ According to the verified notice, the proposed transaction will allow Regional Rail to acquire direct control, and 3i RR to acquire indirect control, of CLNA.²

According to the verified notice, 3i RR Holdings GP LLC controls 3i Holdings Partnership L.P., which controls 3i RR LLC, which controls Regional Rail Holdings, LLC, which controls Regional Rail. Regional Rail is a holding company that directly controls the following six Class III rail carriers: (1) East Penn Railroad, LLC, which operates in Delaware and Pennsylvania; (2) Middletown & New Jersey Railroad, LLC, which operates in New York; (3) Tyburn Railroad LLC, which operates in Pennsylvania; (4) the Florida Central

Railroad LLC, which operates in Florida; (5) Florida Midland Railroad Company, Inc., which operates in Florida; and (6) Florida Northern Railroad Company, Inc., which operates in Florida (collectively, the Subsidiary Railroads).³ 3i RR and Regional Rail certify that the proposed transaction does not involve an interchange commitment.

The verified notice states that: (1) CLNA does not connect with the Subsidiary Railroads; (2) the acquisition of control of CLNA is not intended to connect with any other railroads in 3i RR's corporate family; and (3) the proposed transaction does not involve a Class I rail carrier. The proposed transaction is therefore exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. *See* 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is March 1, 2020, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed). The verified notice states that the parties intend to consummate the transaction on or after March 1, 2020.

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. However, 49 U.S.C. 11326(c) does not provide for labor protection for transactions under 49 U.S.C. 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

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 to stay must be filed no later than February 21, 2020 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36383, 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 applicants' representative, Louis E. Gitomer, Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, LLC, 600

Baltimore Ave., Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204.

According to the verified notice, 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: February 10, 2020.

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

Kenyatta Clay,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36378]

The Mahoning Valley Railway Company—Acquisition and Operation—L.W.R., Inc. and OHI-Rail Corp.

The Mahoning Valley Railway Company (MVRV), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from L.W.R., Inc. (LRW) and OHI-Rail Corp. (OHI-Rail) and operate approximately 44.7 miles of the following lines of railroad in Carroll, Stark, Columbiana, Jefferson, and Harrison Counties, Ohio: (1) The Tuscarawas Industrial Track LC 40-2427, from milepost 0.0 at the point of connection to the Bayard siding in Bayard to milepost 2.9, located 175 feet west of Grant Street in Minerva, including an operating easement between mileposts 2.7 and 2.9; (2) the Piney Fork Industrial Track LC 40-2446, from milepost 40.9 in Minerva to milepost 43.5 including all track, facilities, and property comprising Minerva Yard; (3) the Horn Track, a short connecting track between the Tuscarawas Industrial Track and the Piney Fork Industrial Track, between Grant Street and Sandy Creek Bridge; (4) a continuous line of track from the Minerva Yard limits at milepost 43.50 in Minerva to Hopedale Junction at milepost 77.50; (5) the Wolf Run Branch LC 2449, beginning in Springfield Township (Phillips), Jefferson County, at milepost 0.0 and extending in a general southerly direction to its end at milepost 3.8; and (6) the Tuscarawas Secondary Track LC 2427 beginning in Minerva at a point approximately 175 feet west of milepost 2.7 and extending in a general westerly direction through Pekin to its ending in Pekin at milepost 4.3 (collectively, the Lines). According

¹ The verified notice states that CLNA operates generally between: (1) Chocowinity, N.C., and Raleigh, N.C.; (2) Phosphate Junction, N.C., and Plymouth, N.C.; (3) Rocky Mount, N.C., and Spring Hope, N.C.; (4) Belhaven, N.C., and Pinetown, N.C.; (5) Morehead City, N.C., and Radio Island, N.C.; and (6) Blacksburg, S.C., and Kings Creek, S.C.

² On January 31, 2020, 3i RR and Regional Rail filed a motion for protective order under 49 CFR 1104.14(b), which will be addressed in a separate decision.

³ *See Regional Rail Holdings, LLC—Acquis. of Control Exemption—Regional Rail, LLC*, FD 35945 (STB served Aug. 7, 2015); *3i RR Holdings GP LLC—Control Exemption—Regional Rail Holdings, LLC*, FD 36289 (STB served Apr. 19, 2019); *3i RR Holdings GP LLC—Control Exemption—Fla. Cent. R.R.*, FD 36365 (STB served Nov. 22, 2019).

to MVRY, segments (1), (2), and (3) are owned by LWR and operated by OHI-Rail, and MVRY will acquire the segments by purchase, while segments (4), (5), and (6) are leased by OHI-Rail from the State of Ohio, Ohio Rail Development Commission, and MVRY will acquire the segments by assignment of the lease (Leased Lines).¹

MVRY certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million annually. MVRY further certifies that the acquisition does not involve an interchange commitment.

Under 49 CFR 1150.42(b), a change in operator requires that notice be given to shippers. MVRY states that notice of the proposed transaction was provided to shippers on the Leased Lines on January 31, 2020.

The transaction may be consummated on or after March 1, 2020, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).²

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 to stay must be filed no later than February 21, 2020 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36378, 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 MVRY's representative, Eric M. Hocky, Clark Hill, PLC, Two Commerce Square, 2001 Market St., Suite 2620, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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¹ The verified notice states that MVRY is a subsidiary of Genesee & Wyoming Inc. (GWI). It further states that GWI, LWR, and OHI-Rail have executed an Asset Purchase Agreement (Agreement) for the Lines, and that, prior to consummating the acquisition, GWI will assign its rights and obligations under the Agreement to MVRY. As a result, MVRY states, GWI will not acquire the Lines and is not the applicant here.

² Because MVRY supplemented its verified notice on January 31, 2020, that date will be considered the filing date for the purpose of calculating the effective date of the exemption.

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

Eden Besera,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Recruitment Notice for the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice of Open Season for Recruitment of IRS Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) Members.

DATES: February 18, 2020 through March 30, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Billups at 214-413-6523 (not a toll-free call).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are inviting individuals to help improve the nation's tax agency by applying to be members of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP). The mission of the TAP is to listen to taxpayers, identify issues that affect taxpayers, and make suggestions for improving IRS service and customer satisfaction. The TAP serves as an advisory body to the Secretary of the Treasury, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and the National Taxpayer Advocate. TAP members will participate in subcommittees that channel their feedback to the IRS through the Panel's parent committee.

The IRS is seeking applicants who have an interest in good government, a personal commitment to volunteer approximately 200 to 300 hours a year, and a desire to help improve IRS customer service. As a federal advisory committee, TAP is required to have a fairly balanced membership in terms of the points of view represented. Thus, TAP membership represents a cross-section of the taxpaying public with at least one member from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, in addition to one member representing international taxpayers. For application purposes, "international taxpayers" are defined broadly to include U.S. citizens working, living, or doing business abroad or in a U.S. territory. Potential candidates must be U.S. citizens, not a current employee of any Bureau of the Treasury Department or have worked for any Bureau of the Treasury Department

within the three years of December 1 of the current year and must pass a federal tax compliance check and a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background investigation. Applicants who practice before the IRS must be in good standing with the IRS (meaning not currently under suspension or disbarment). Federally-registered lobbyists cannot be members of the TAP. The IRS is seeking members or alternates in the following locations: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, DC, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

TAP members are a diverse group of citizens who represent the interests of taxpayers, from their respective geographic locations as well as taxpayers overall. Members provide feedback from a taxpayer's perspective on ways to improve IRS customer service and administration of the federal tax system, by identifying grassroots taxpayer issues. Members should have good communication skills and be able to speak to taxpayers about TAP and its activities, while clearly distinguishing between TAP positions and their personal viewpoints.

Interested applicants should visit the TAP website at www.improveirs.org for more information about TAP. Applications may be submitted online at www.usajobs.gov. For questions about TAP membership, call the TAP toll-free number, 1-888-912-1227 and select prompt 5. Callers who are outside of the U.S. should call 214-413-6523 (not a toll-free call).

The opening date for submitting applications is February 18, 2020 and the deadline for submitting applications is March 30, 2020. Interviews will be held. The Department of the Treasury will review the recommended candidates and make final selections. New TAP members will serve a three-year term starting in December 2020. (*Note:* highly-ranked applicants not selected as members may be placed on a roster of alternates who will be eligible to fill future vacancies that may occur on the Panel.)

Questions regarding the selection of TAP members may be directed to Lisa Billups, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, TA:TAP Room 1509, Washington, DC 20224, or 214-413-6523 (not a toll-free call).