

By order of the Maritime Administrator.
Joel C. Richard,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number 2005 21647]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel VALHALLA.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383 and Pub. L. 107-295, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket 2005-21647 at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 25, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD 2005 21647. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will

be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel VALHALLA is:

Intended Use: "12 Passenger Charter."
Geographic Region: Hawaii USA.

Dated: June 17, 2005.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

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Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34708]

Genesee & Wyoming Inc., RP Acquisition Company One and RP Acquisition Company Two—Control Exemption—Rail Partners, L.P., AN Railway, et al., Atlantic & Western Railway, et al., and KWT Railway, Inc.

Genesee & Wyoming Inc. (GWI), a noncarrier holding company, and RP Acquisition Company One (RP 1) and RP Acquisition Company Two (RP 2), newly created noncarrier holding companies which are wholly owned by GWI (collectively, applicants), have filed a notice of exemption to permit: (1) GWI and RP 1 to acquire control of Rail Partners, L.P., and eight Class III rail carriers formed as limited partnerships;¹ and (2) GWI and RP 2 to acquire control of Rail Partners, L.P., KWT Railway, Inc., a Class III rail carrier corporation, and five Class III rail carriers organized as limited liability companies.²

¹ The limited partnership Class III rail carriers are: Atlantic & Western Railway, Limited Partnership; East Tennessee Railway, L.P.; Galveston Railroad, L.P.; Georgia Central Railway, L.P.; Little Rock & Western Railway, L.P.; Tomahawk Railway, Limited Partnership; Valdosta Railway, L.P.; and Wilmington Terminal Railroad, Limited Partnership (collectively, Atlantic & Western Railway, et al. group).

² The limited liability companies are: AN Railway, L.L.C.; The Bay Line Railroad, L.L.C.; M&B Railroad, L.L.C.; Riceboro Southern Railway, LLC; and Western Kentucky Railway, L.L.C. (collectively, AN Railway, et al. group).

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after June 1, 2005, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the notice was filed).

GWI directly or indirectly controls Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. (BPRR),³ a Class II rail carrier operating in New York and Pennsylvania, and the following 23 Class III rail carriers: Arkansas, Louisiana & Mississippi Railroad Company, operating in Arkansas and Louisiana; Chattahoochee Industrial Railroad, operating in Georgia; Commonwealth Railway, Inc., operating in Virginia; Corpus Christi Terminal Railroad, Inc., operating in Texas; Dansville and Mount Morris Railroad Company, operating in New York; First Coast Railroad, Inc., operating in Florida and Georgia; Fordyce & Princeton Railroad Company, operating in Arkansas; Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Company, Inc., operating in New York; Golden Isles Terminal Railroad, Inc., operating in Georgia; Illinois & Midland Railroad, Inc., operating in Illinois; Louisiana & Delta Railroad, Inc., operating in Louisiana; Portland & Western Railroad, Inc., operating in Oregon; Rochester & Southern Railroad, Inc., operating in New York; Salt Lake City Southern Railroad Company, operating in Utah; Savannah Port Terminal Railroad, Inc., operating in Georgia; South Buffalo Railway Company, operating in New York; St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company, operating in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine; St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad (Quebec), Inc., operating in Vermont; Talleyrand Terminal Railroad, Inc., operating in Florida; Tazewell & Peoria Railroad, Inc., operating in Illinois; Utah Railway Company, operating in Colorado and Utah; Willamette & Pacific Railroad, Inc., operating in Oregon; and York Railway Company (York),⁴ operating in Pennsylvania (collectively, Affiliates).

Rail Partners, L.P., a noncarrier limited partnership, currently holds all non-managing membership interests or all limited partnership interests (as applicable) in each of the AN Railway, et al. group and the Atlantic & Western Railway, et al. group. Under the proposed transaction, RP 1 will acquire the entire general partnership interest of Rail Partners, L.P., and the entire general partnership interest of each rail

³ GWI also has control over Allegheny & Eastern, L.L.C. and Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad, L.L.C., two non-operating Class III rail carriers that separately hold certain rail assets over which BPRR operates.

⁴ GWI also has control over Maryland and Pennsylvania, L.L.C., and Yorkrail, L.L.C., two non-operating Class III rail carriers that separately hold the rail assets over which York operates.