

Board jurisdiction to resolve cost allocation and access disputes between the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), the states, and potential non-Amtrak operators of intercity passenger rail service. The FAST Act directs the Board to establish procedures for the resolution of these disputes, “which may include the provision of professional mediation services.” 49 U.S.C. 24712(c)(2), 24905(c)(4). Under 49 CFR 1109.5, the Board provides that parties to a dispute involving the State-Sponsored Route Committee or the Northeast Corridor Committee may, by a letter submitted to OPAGAC, may request the Board’s informal assistance in securing outside professional mediation services. The letter shall include a concise description of the issues for which outside professional mediation services are sought. The collection by the Board of these request letters enables the Board to meet its statutory duty under the FAST Act.

The Board makes this submission because, under the PRA, a Federal agency that conducts or sponsors a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Under 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), Federal agencies are required to provide, prior to an agency’s submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 60-day notice and comment period through publication in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

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Kenyatta Clay,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36700]

Grenada Railroad, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—North Central Mississippi Regional Railroad Authority and Grenada Railway, LLC

Grenada Railroad, LLC (GRR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate approximately 228 miles of rail line from the North Central Mississippi Regional Railroad Authority (NCMRRRA) and Grenada Railway, LLC

(GRY). The line consists of three segments: (1) approximately 175.4 miles of main line between milepost 403.0 at Southaven, Miss. (GRY MP 491.09), and milepost 703.8 near Canton, Miss. (GRY MP 616.49), along with certain side and yard tracks (the Grenada Line); (2) approximately 11.42 miles of branch line between a point of connection with the Grenada Line at milepost 603.0 and milepost 614.42 at Bruce Junction, Miss. (the Water Valley Branch); and (3) approximately 21.70 miles of branch line between a point of connection with the Grenada Line at milepost H–0.20 at Aberdeen Junction, Miss., and milepost H–21.90 near Kosciusko, Miss. (the Aberdeen Branch) (collectively, the Lines). According to the verified notice, GRR has operated the Grenada Line and Water Valley Branch pursuant to a lease and operating agreement since 2015¹ and now seeks authority to acquire these lines and the Aberdeen Branch, which is owned by NCMRRRA.² GRR states that the Aberdeen Branch has been out of service since prior to NCMRRRA’s acquisition of that segment.

The verified notice states that the parties entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement on April 27, 2023.

GRR certifies that the proposed acquisition of the Lines does not involve any interchange commitments. GRR further certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier. 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, GRR has filed a request for partial waiver of the 60-day advance labor notice requirements to allow the transaction to proceed after 30 days’ notice to employees on the Lines. GRR’s waiver request will be addressed in a separate decision. The Board will establish the effective 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)

¹ See *Ill. Co. Rail Road—Lease & Operation Exemption—N. Cent. Miss. Reg’l R.R. Auth.*, FD 35940 (STB served July 9, 2015).

² See *N. Cent. Miss. Reg’l R.R. Auth.—Acquis. & Operation Exemption—Miss. Dep’t of Transp.*, FD 36182 (STB served Nov. 20, 2018).

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 May 19, 2023.

All pleadings referring to Docket No. FD 36700, should 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, one copy of each pleading must be served on GRR’s representative, Terence M. Hynes, Sidley Austin LLP, 1501 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005.

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

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: May 9, 2023.

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

Raina White,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36679]

CaterParrott Railnet, LLC—Change of Operators Exemption—Ogeechee Railroad Company

CaterParrott Railnet, LLC (CPR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to assume operation of approximately 22.4 miles of rail line owned by the State of Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) between milepost SA–36.4 at or near Ardmore, Ga., and milepost SA–58.8 at or near Sylvania, Ga. (the Line).¹

CPR states that Ogeechee Railroad Company (ORC) is the current lessee and operator of the Line. According to the verified notice, CPR, ORC, and GDOT have executed a novation agreement transferring ORC’s rights under its lease agreement with GDOT to CPR.² CPR will operate the Line under an amended lease with GDOT.

¹ CPR states that the notice of exemption filed in *Ogeechee Railroad—Acquisition & Operation Exemption—Georgia Midland Railroad*, Docket No. FD 35086, identifies the Line’s endpoint as milepost SA–57.5, but, according to CPR, a recent review determined that the Line extends to milepost SA–58.8.

² CPR states that it is also entering into an asset purchase agreement with ORC under which CPR is acquiring ORC’s assets related to the operation of

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