

private sector capital and expertise to achieve a variety of economic goals.

The purpose of this collection is to gather the required details necessary to determine if applicants' projects qualify to participate in the I2U2 initiative. This information is necessary to select participants and share information with I2U2 partners. The window to receive project proposals will remain open as long as the I2U2 initiative exists.

I2U2 will consider projects and initiatives on an individual basis that meet the following criteria:

1. Fall into at least one of these seven sectors: water, climate/energy, transportation, space, health, food security, or technology.

2. Preferably operate in the Middle East, India, the United States, or Africa. However, the I2U2 Group will consider opportunities anywhere in the world.

3. Allow each of the four partner countries to benefit from and/or contribute to the project. Priority will be given to projects based on cooperation and/or involvement of participants from all four I2U2 partner countries.

Respondents will access to the form at www.state.gov/I2U2. Following these criteria, the form asks individuals to select the applicable sectors and explain the proposed role of/benefits to each partner country. The form also requests details about the project submitter, any monetary and nonmonetary requests, and a description of the project and timeline. I2U2 will utilize this form for vetting, review, and selection of project submissions. Submitters may also optionally provide additional supporting documentation, such as a detailed budget, marketing brochure, or other relevant materials.

Methodology

The collection will be completed 100 percent electronically. The respondent will complete the form online and submit the form by email to I2U2@state.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12228]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Being Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: “The Heart of Zen” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby

determine that certain objects being imported from abroad pursuant to an agreement with their foreign owner or custodian for temporary display in the exhibition “The Heart of Zen” at the Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, California, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, are of cultural significance, and, further, that their temporary exhibition or display within the United States as aforementioned is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reed Liriano, Program Coordinator, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, 2200 C Street NW (SA-5), Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The foregoing determinations were made pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000, and Delegation of Authority No. 523 of December 22, 2021.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 35441 (Sub-No. 1)]

Blackwell Northern Gateway Railroad Company—Lease Exemption—Oklahoma Department of Transportation and Blackwell Industrial Authority

Blackwell Northern Gateway Railroad Company (BNGR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to continue to lease approximately 37.26 miles of rail line, owned by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Blackwell Industrial Authority (BIA) and extending from milepost 0.09 at Wellington, Kan., to milepost 35.35 at Blackwell, Okla., and from milepost 127.0 at Blackwell to milepost 125.0

also at Blackwell (the Line). ODOT owns the portions of the Line extending from milepost 18.32 at Hunnewell, Kan., to milepost 35.35 at Blackwell, and from milepost 127.0 to milepost 126.45 in Blackwell. BIA owns the portions of the Line extending from milepost 0.09 at Wellington to milepost 18.32 at Hunnewell, and from milepost 126.45 to milepost 125.0 in Blackwell.

BNGR states that it currently operates the Line pursuant to a lease agreement with ODOT and BIA.¹ According to BNGR, it, ODOT, and BIA have executed a new Track Lease and Operating Agreement, which will govern BNGR operation of the Line upon the effective date of this notice.

BNGR certifies that its projected annual freight revenues will not result in the creation of a Class I or Class II rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million. BNGR also certifies that the agreement does not include an interchange commitment.

The transaction may be consummated on or after November 1, 2023,² the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

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 October 25, 2023 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35441 (Sub-No. 1), 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 BNGR's representative, Bradon J. Smith, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606.

According to BNGR, 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).

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

Decided: October 13, 2023.

¹ See *Blackwell N. Gateway R.R.—Lease Renewal Exemption—Okla. Dept. of Transp.*, FD 35441 (STB served Nov. 17, 2010).

² BNGR initially submitted its verified notice on September 29, 2023, but supplemented it by letter on October 2, 2023. The date of BNGR's supplement will be considered the filing date for purposes of calculating the effective date of this exemption.