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*Committee Management Officer.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 36735]

### **3i RR Holdings GP LLC, 3i RR Holdings Partnership L.P., 3i RR Intermediate Holdings LLC, 3i RR LLC, Regional Rail Holdings, LLC, Regional Rail Sub Holdings LLC, and Regional Rail, LLC—Control Exemption—Indiana Eastern Railroad, LLC**

3i RR Holdings GP LLC, 3i RR Holdings Partnership L.P., 3i RR Intermediate Holdings LLC, 3i RR LLC, Regional Rail Holdings, LLC, and Regional Rail Sub Holdings LLC (collectively, 3i RR) and Regional Rail, LLC (Regional Rail), each a noncarrier, have filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to acquire control of Indiana Eastern Railroad, LLC (IERR). IERR is a Class III rail carrier that operates a rail line in Indiana and Ohio and, doing business as Ohio South Central Railroad, operates on a separate, noncontiguous line in Ohio.

According to the verified notice, Regional Rail is directly controlled by Regional Rail Sub Holdings LLC, which is controlled by Regional Rail Holdings, LLC, which is controlled by 3i RR LLC, which is controlled by 3i RR Intermediate Holdings LLC, which is controlled by 3i RR Holdings Partnership L.P., which is controlled by 3i RR Holdings GP LLC. The verified notice states that Regional Rail is a noncarrier holding company that directly controls 11 Class III rail carriers in the eastern United States.<sup>1</sup>

According to the verified notice, pursuant to a membership interest purchase agreement to be entered into by Regional Rail, IERR, and IERR's current owners, Regional Rail proposes to acquire all the existing equity interest of IERR and assume direct control of

that carrier.<sup>2</sup> 3i RR would assume indirect control of IERR. The verified notice further states that no significant changes in the rail services currently provided by IERR are anticipated as a result of the proposed transaction and that the agreement does not include any provision that would limit the future interchange of traffic with a third-party connecting carrier.

3i RR and Regional Rail represent that: (1) the rail lines of IERR do not connect with the lines of the rail carriers currently controlled by 3i RR and Regional Rail; (2) this control transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would result in such a connection; and (3) the 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 pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

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

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 for stay must be filed no later than November 22, 2023.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36735, 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, one copy of each pleading must be served on 3i RR's and Regional Rail's representative, Thomas J. Litwiler, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606–3208.

<sup>2</sup> Public and confidential versions of the agreement were filed with the verified notice. The confidential version was submitted under seal concurrent with a motion for protective order, which is addressed in a separate decision.

According to 3i RR and Regional Rail, 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](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: November 8, 2023.

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

**Kenyatta Clay,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

[Docket No.: FAA–2020–0532; Summary Notice No. –2023–43]

#### **Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Causey Aviation Unmanned, Inc.**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the FAA's exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion nor omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before December 6, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments identified by docket number FAA–2020–0532 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M–30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.,

<sup>1</sup> Those carriers, and the states in which they operate, are: (1) Carolina Coastal Railway, Inc. (North Carolina and South Carolina); (2) East Penn Railroad, LLC (Delaware and Pennsylvania); (3) Florida Central Railroad Company, Inc. (Florida); (4) Florida Midland Railroad Company, Inc. (Florida); (5) Florida Northern Railroad Company, Inc. (Florida); (6) Middletown & New Jersey Railroad, LLC (New York); (7) Port Manatee Railroad LLC (Florida); (8) Tyburn Railroad LLC (Pennsylvania); (9) Effingham Railroad Company (Illinois); (10) Illinois Western Railroad Company (Illinois); and (11) South Point & Ohio Railroad, Inc. (Ohio).

Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at (202) 493–2251.

*Privacy:* In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy>.

*Docket:* Background documents or comments received may be read at <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nia Daniels, (202) 267–7626, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591.

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Issued in Washington, DC, on November 9, 2023.

**Brandon Roberts,**

*Executive Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

### Petition for Exemption

*Docket No.:* FAA–2020–0532.

*Petitioner:* Causey Aviation Unmanned, Inc.

*Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected:* §§ 61.133, 91.7(a), 91.119(b) and (c), 91.121, 91.151(b), 91.203(a)(1), 135.25(a), 135.63(c) and (d), 135.79(a)(1) through (3), 135.149(a), 135.161(a)(1), (a)(3) and (b)(1), 135.203(b), 135.209(b), 135.243(b)(1) and (b)(2), 135.267(a)(1) through (3) and (c)(1) through (3), 135.293(h), and 135.415(b)

*Description of Relief Sought:* Causey Aviation Unmanned, Inc. requests an amendment to Exemption No. 19508 to allow commercial package delivery under Part 135 air carrier operations outside of the United States using the Rigithech Eiger unmanned aircraft system.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

**[Docket No.:** FAA–2022–0268; **Summary Notice No. 2023–42]**

### Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; American Aerospace Technologies Incorporated

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the FAA's exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion nor omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before December 6, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments identified by docket number FAA–2022–0268 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M–30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

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### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sean O'Tormey at 202–267–4044, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591.

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### Petition for Exemption

*Docket No.:* FAA–2022–0268.

*Petitioner:* American Aerospace Technologies Incorporated.

*Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected:* §§ 61.133(a), 91.7(a), 91.9(b)(2), 91.105(a)(1), 91.105(a)(2), 91.107, 91.109, 91.121, 91.203(a), 91.203(b), 91.405(a), 91.407(a)(1), 91.409(a)(1), 91.409(a)(2), and Part 21, Subpart H, of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations.

*Description of Relief Sought:* Petitioner is seeking to operate a fixed wing unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) weighing over 55 pounds, in order to conduct: critical infrastructure inspection of pipeline and oil field surveillance; emergency response (e.g., wildland fire surveillance); research and development; and training, all beyond visual line of site (BVLOS) of the pilot in command (PIC) using Detect and Avoid systems, in the San Joaquin Valley of California.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

**[Docket No.:** FAA–2023–1782; **Summary Notice No. 2023–45]**

### Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; SkyWest Charter

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the