

By the Board, Board Members Fuchs, Hedlund, Primus, and Schultz.

Stefan Rice,

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36806]

Old Line Holding Company, Inc., d/b/a Old Line Railroad—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Line of The Maryland and Delaware Railroad Company

Old Line Holding Company, Inc., d/b/a Old Line Railroad (Old Line), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from The Maryland and Delaware Railroad Company (MDDE) and operate approximately 23.7 miles of rail line from milepost 42.0 in Selbyville, Del., to the end of the track at milepost 65.7 in Snow Hill, Md. (the Line). The verified notice states that Old Line is the parent company of MDDE, which currently operates the Line.

According to the verified notice, Old Line, MDDE, and Carload Express, Inc. (Carload), have entered into a purchase agreement dated August 1, 2024, which provides that Old Line will acquire the Line from MDDE and that Carload will concurrently acquire MDDE from Old Line.¹ Old Line states that, after consummating the proposed transaction, it will become a Class III rail carrier and operate the Line.

Old Line certifies that the transaction does not involve any provision or agreement that would limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier. Old Line further certifies that its projected annual revenue will not exceed \$5 million and will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is November 29, 2024, the effective date of the exemption. If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption

¹ In a concurrently filed petition for exemption, Carload, a noncarrier, seeks Board approval to acquire MDDE from Old Line. Pet. for Exemption 1, Carload Express, Inc.—Control Exemption—Md. & Del. R.R., FD 36807.

According to the verified notice, the purchase agreement further provides that Delmarva Central Railroad Company, a Class III rail carrier and subsidiary of Carload, will acquire from MDDE a 3-mile rail line that connects with the Line at Selbyville. See *Delmarva Cent. R.R.—Acquis. Exemption—Line of the Md. & Del. R.R.*, FD 36805 (STB served Oct. 4, 2024).

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, 2024 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36806, 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 Old Line's representative, Thomas J. Litwiler, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606-3208.

According to Old Line, 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: November 8, 2024.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Brendetta Jones,

Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36814]

Raritan Central Railway, LLC—Lease and Operation Exemption—Consolidated Rail Corporation

Raritan Central Railway, LLC (RCRY), a Class III railroad, has filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.41, to permit it to operate, pursuant to an amendment to a lease with the Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail), approximately 3,000 linear feet of rail line in Middlesex County, NJ.

RCRY was previously authorized to lease from Conrail and to operate 7.08 miles of rail lines, consisting of four segments, all in Middlesex County. *Raritan Cent. Ry.—Lease & Operation Exemption—Consol. Rail Corp.*, FD 36393 (STB served Apr. 3, 2020). RCRY states that under the existing lease, one of the segments, the Raritan Industrial Track (the Raritan I.T.), extends from its connection with the Bonhamton I.T. to the east side of Crows Mill Road, including the at-grade crossing thereof. According to the verified notice, Conrail

currently operates on an additional 3,000 feet of rail line beyond the leased segment, and RCRY and Conrail have agreed to amend the lease to extend RCRY's lease and operation of the Raritan I.T. to include that additional 3,000-foot segment. RCRY states that following the amendment, RCRY will provide common carrier service on "the Raritan I.T. from its connection with the Bonhamton I.T. to the west side of Route 440 at [milepost] 20.06." (RCRY Verified Notice 2 (quoting the lease amendment).)

RCRY certifies that the track lease does not impose or include an interchange commitment. RCRY also certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed \$5 million annually and will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I carrier.

The transaction may be consummated on or after November 30, 2024, 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 November 22, 2024 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36814, 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 RCRY's representative, Eric M. Hocky, Clark Hill PLC, Two Commerce Square, 2001 Market Street, Suite 2620, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

According to RCRY, 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.

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Raina White,

Clearance Clerk.

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