

new customers that may choose to locate on the line.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33899, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on John V. Edwards, Norfolk Southern Railway Corporation, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510-2191.

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By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33900]

Norfolk Southern Railway Co.— Trackage Rights Exemption—Ohio Southern Railroad, Incorporated in Perry County, OH

Ohio Southern Railroad, Incorporated (OSRR) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) over OSRR's mainline of railroad between the division of control/ownership between OSRR and the Pennsylvania Lines LLC (PRR) line of railroad operated by NS, (1) between milepost RQ-36.0 at Wilbren, and the south wye connection, milepost RQ-38.1, at New Lexington, OH, known as the Roseville Industrial Track, and (2) the above-mentioned milepost RQ-38.1 and milepost RR-47.3 of PRR's line known as the West Virginia Secondary, a total distance of approximately 2.3 miles.

NS states that the transaction is related to and will be effective on the consummation of OSRR's acquisition of the line pursuant to its notice of exemption filed June 30, 2000, in STB Finance Docket No. 33895, *Ohio Southern Railroad, Incorporated—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Pennsylvania Lines LLC and Norfolk Southern Railway Company*.

The purpose of this trackage rights is to permit NS to continue operations over the line recently subleased by NS and PRR to OSRR and to facilitate the development of a more efficient routing for both OSRR and NS. See STB Finance Docket No. 33895.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33900, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on John V. Edwards, Norfolk Southern Railway Corporation, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510-2191.

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[STB Finance Docket No. 33895]

Ohio Southern Railroad, Inc.— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Pennsylvania Lines LLC and Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Ohio Southern Railroad, Incorporated (OSRR), a Class III carrier, has filed a

verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire by sublease from Pennsylvania Lines LLC (PRR) and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) and operate approximately 2.1 route miles of rail line between milepost RQ 36.0, at Wilbren, OH, and milepost RQ 38.1, at New Lexington, OH (line).¹

The transaction was expected to be consummated promptly following the effective date of the exemption. The earliest the transaction could be consummated was July 7, 2000, 7 days after the exemption was filed.

The transaction is related to *Ohio Southern Railroad, Incorporated—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Glouster Coal Company, Glouster, OH*, STB Finance Docket No. 33896 (STB served July 18, 2000) and *Ohio Southern Railroad, Incorporated—Trackage Rights Exemption—Pennsylvania Lines LLC and Norfolk Southern Railway Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 33902 (STB served July 18, 2000), to exempt OSRR's extension of service over Glouster Coal Company's line serving its Buckingham Mine and OSRR's trackage rights over NSR's West Secondary line from New Lexington to a point near Glouster, OH. Upon consummation of these transactions OSRR will be able to provide coal transportation service in conjunction with NSR from the Buckingham Mine to customers of Glouster Coal Company located on or accessed via the lines of OSRR.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33895, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Kelvin J. Dowd, Esq., Slover & Loftus, 1224 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

¹ On July 5, 2000, NSR filed a verified notice of exemption under the Board's class exemption procedures at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). The notice covered an agreement between PRR, NSR and OSRR for the grant by OSRR to NSR of overhead trackage rights over the line. The trackage rights will enable NSR to continue operations over the line and facilitate the development of a more efficient routing for both OSRR and NSR to move traffic more expeditiously in the region. See *Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Ohio Southern Railroad, Incorporated in Perry County, OH*, STB Finance Docket No. 33900 (STB served July 18, 2000).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33902]

Ohio Southern Railroad, Inc.— Trackage Rights Exemption— Pennsylvania Lines LLC and Norfolk Southern Railway Co.

Pennsylvania Lines LLC and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) have agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Ohio Southern Railroad, Incorporated (OSRR) over 18.4 miles of the West Virginia Secondary line between milepost RR 47.3, at New Lexington, OH, and milepost RR 65.7, near Glouster, OH (line).¹

The earliest the transaction can be consummated is July 12, 2000, the effective date of the exemption.

¹ The line is owned by PRR and operated by NSR.

However, the parties have stated that consummation will not occur until an agreed upon date has been established by OSRR and NSR, which is expected to occur following the latter of (1) the effective date of the exemption, or (2) the expiration of any NSR's labor notice to its employees.

The trackage rights will permit OSRR to bridge presently unconnected segments of its line, and to initiate direct, single carrier service from Glouster Coal Company's Buckingham Mine to Zanesville, OH.² The purpose of the transaction is to maintain and enhance the financial and operational stability of OSRR, to maintain efficient rail service over its lines, and to reduce the number of inter-carrier interchanges needed to move coal from the Buckingham Mine to Glouster Coal Company's customers.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the

² This transaction is related to *Ohio Southern Railroad, Incorporated—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Pennsylvania Lines LLC and Norfolk Southern Railway Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 33895 (STB served July 18, 2000), and *Ohio Southern Railroad, Incorporated—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Glouster Coal Company, Glouster, OH*, STB Finance Docket No. 33896 (STB served July 18, 2000), to exempt OSRR's extension of its lines from Wilbren, OH, to New Lexington, and from a point on NSR's West Virginia Secondary line near Glouster, to the Buckingham Mine.

conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33902, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Kelvin J. Dowd, Esq., Slover & Loftus, 1224 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

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