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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36961]

Bogalusa Central Railroad LLC—Acquisition Exemption—Rail Lines of Illinois Central Railroad Company

Bogalusa Central Railroad LLC (BCR), a non-carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1150, subpart D to acquire from Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) approximately 95.5 miles of rail line (the Bogalusa Line) located in various counties in Louisiana and Mississippi and extending between (1) Milepost 68.85 at Lees Creek, La., and Milepost 137.6 at Wanilla, Miss. (Bogalusa Subdivision); (2) Milepost 57.1 at Ferguson, Miss., and Milepost 82.57 at Brookhaven, Miss. (Central Subdivision); and (3) Milepost 781.07 to Milepost 782.33 at Brookhaven. (Track BN02 of IC's McComb Subdivision).

BCR states that it and IC have entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement and a Handling Carrier Agreement pursuant to which BCR will acquire the Bogalusa Line. The parties have also entered into a Transition Services Agreement pursuant to which IC will continue to operate the Bogalusa Line for a temporary interim period.

This transaction is related to a verified notice of exemption concurrently filed in Patriot Rail Co.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Bogalusa Central Railroad, Docket No. FD 36962, in which Patriot Rail Company LLC and a number of other related applicants seek to continue in control of BCR upon BCR's acquisition of the Bogalusa Line.

BCR certifies that there are no interchange commitments associated with the transaction. BCR also certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction are expected to exceed $5 million but that the proposed transaction will not result in the creation of a Class I or Class II rail carrier. Because the projected annual

revenues are expected to exceed $5 million, BCR states that it has complied with the labor notice requirements of 49 CFR 1150.32(e).

The transaction may be consummated on or after December 5, 2026, the effective date of the exemption.

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 27, 2026 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36961, 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, S.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on BCR's representative, John M. Scheib, Gentry Locke Attorneys, 101 West Main Street, Suite 705, Norfolk, Va. 23510.

According to BCR, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6 and from historic reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8.

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Decided: November 17, 2026.

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.

Regena Smith-Bernard,

Clearance Clerk.

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