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**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, and Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000.

**Marie Therese Porter Royce,**

*Assistant Secretary, Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10708]

### Notice of Public Meeting

The Department of State will conduct an open meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 1, 2019, at the offices of ABS Consulting, 1525 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 625, Arlington, Virginia 22209. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the forty third session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Facilitation Committee to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, April 8-12, 2019.

The agenda items to be considered include:

- Decisions of other IMO bodies
- Consideration and adoption of proposed amendments to the Convention
- Review and update the Explanatory Manual to the FAL Convention
- Application of single-window concept
- Review and revision of the IMO Compendium on Facilitation and Electronic Business
- Developing guidance for authentication, integrity and confidentiality of content for the purpose of exchange via a maritime single window
- Update the guidelines for setting up a single window system in maritime transport
- Unsafe mixed migration by sea
- Consideration and analysis of reports and information on persons rescued at sea and stowaways
- Technical cooperation activities related to facilitation of maritime traffic

- Relations with other organizations
- Application of the Committee's procedures on organization and method of work
- Work program
- Any other business

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of 30 for the room. Upon request to the meeting coordinator, members of the public may also participate via teleconference, up to the capacity of the teleconference phone line, which will handle 500 participants. To access the teleconference line, participants should call (202) 475-4000 and use Participant Code: 740 587 42#. To facilitate the building security process, and to request reasonable accommodation, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, Mr. James Bull, by email at [James.T.Bull@uscg.mil](mailto:James.T.Bull@uscg.mil), by phone at (202) 372-1144, or in writing at 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509 not later than Monday, March 25, 2019, seven days prior to the meeting. Requests made after Monday, March 25, 2019, might not be able to be accommodated. The ABS Consulting office is accessible by taxi, public transportation, and privately owned conveyance.

Additional information regarding this and other IMO public meetings may be found at: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/IMO>.

**Joel C. Coito,**

*Coast Guard Liaison Officer, Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs, Department of State.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36269]

### Tennessee Railroad Holdings, LLC—Acquisition Exemption—Sequatchie Valley Railroad, Inc.

Tennessee Railroad Holdings, LLC (TRH), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Sequatchie Valley Railroad, Inc. (SQVR), approximately 11.77 miles of rail line that extends between milepost 0.0, a point of connection to CSX Transportation, Inc., at or near Bridgeport, Jackson County, Ala., and milepost 11.77, the end of track at or near Jasper, Marion County, Tenn. (the Line).

The transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *Gregory B. Cundiff Trust—Continuance in Control Exemption—*

*Tennessee Railroad Holdings, Inc., Sequatchie Valley Switching Co., LLC, & Walking Horse Railroad, LLC*, Docket No. FD 36272, in which the Gregory B. Cundiff Trust, the Connie Cundiff Trust, CGX, Inc., and Ironhorse Resources, Inc., seek to continue in control of TRH upon TRH's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

TRH certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million. TRH further certifies that its acquisition of the Line does not involve any provision or agreement that would limit future interchange.

The transaction may be consummated on or after March 27, 2019, 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 to stay must be filed no later than March 20, 2019 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36269, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas F. McFarland: Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1666, Chicago, IL 60604-1228.

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: March 8, 2019.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36271]

### Walking Horse Railroad, LLC—Change in Operators Exemption—Walking Horse and Eastern Railroad Company, Inc.

Walking Horse Railroad, LLC (WHRR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to assume operations over approximately 7.9 miles of rail line owned by Bedford County Rail Authority (BCRA). The Line extends

between milepost 0.0, a point of connection to CSX Transportation, Inc., at or near Wartrace, and milepost 7.9, the end of track at or near Shelbyville, in Bedford County, Tenn. (the Line). WHRR states that the Line is currently operated by Walking Horse and Eastern Railroad Company, Inc. (WHOE). WHRR states that an agreement has been reached among BCRA, WHRR, and WHOE for a change in operator from WHOE to WHRR.

The transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *Gregory B. Cundiff Trust—Continuance in Control Exemption—Tennessee Railroad Holdings, Inc., Sequatchie Valley Switching Co., & Walking Horse Railroad*, Docket No. FD 36272, in which the Gregory B. Cundiff Trust, the Connie Cundiff Trust, CGX, Inc., and Ironhorse Resources, Inc., seek to continue in control of WHRR upon WHRR's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

WHRR certifies that the proposed change in operators transaction and WHRR's anticipated operation of the Line do not involve any provision or agreement that would limit future interchange. Further, WHRR certifies that its projected annual rail revenues as a result of the transaction will not exceed \$5 million and will not result in WHRR's becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier. Under 49 CFR 1150.32(b), a change in operator requires that notice be given to shippers. WHRR states that it provided notice of the proposed change in operators to the shippers on the Line.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is March 27, 2019, the effective date of 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 to stay must be filed no later than March 20, 2019.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36271, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas F. McFarland, Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1666, Chicago, IL 60604-1228.

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By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Docket No. FD 36272]**

### **The Gregory B. Cundiff Trust, the Connie Cundiff Trust, CGX, Inc., and Ironhorse Resources, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Tennessee Railroad Holdings, LLC, Sequatchie Valley Switching Company, LLC, and Walking Horse Railroad, LLC**

The Gregory B. Cundiff Trust, the Connie Cundiff Trust, CGX, Inc. (CGX), and Ironhorse Resources, Inc. (Ironhorse) (collectively, the Controlling Entities), have filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of Tennessee Railroad Holdings, LLC (TRH), Sequatchie Valley Switching Company, LLC (SQSC), and Walking Horse Railroad, LLC (WHRR) when TRH, SQSC, and WHRR become rail carriers.<sup>1</sup>

The transaction is related to three concurrently filed verified notices of exemption. In *Tennessee Railroad Holdings, LLC—Acquisition Exemption—Sequatchie Valley Railroad, Inc.*, Docket No. FD 36269, TRH seeks an exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire by purchase from Sequatchie Valley Railroad, Inc., a line of railroad that extends between milepost 0.0, a point of connection to CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) at or near Bridgeport, Jackson County, Ala., and milepost 11.77, the end of track at or near Jasper, Marion County, Tenn. (the Line). In *Sequatchie Valley Switching Co.—Operation Exemption—Tennessee Railroad Holdings, LLC*, Docket No. FD 36270, SQSC seeks an exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to operate over the Line pursuant to an operating agreement with TRH. In *Walking Horse Railroad, LLC—Change in Operators Exemption—Walking Horse & Eastern Railroad Co.*, Docket No. FD 36271, WHRR seeks an exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to replace Walking Horse and Eastern Railroad Company, Inc., as the operator of a rail line that extends between milepost 0.0, a point of connection to CSXT at or near Wartrace, and milepost

7.9, the end of track at or near Shelbyville, in Bedford County, Tenn.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is March 27, 2019, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

According to the verified notice of exemption, the Gregory B. Cundiff Trust and the Connie Cundiff Trust, both of which are noncarrier individual trusts, own CGX, a noncarrier holding company, in equal parts. CGX, in turn, directly controls a number of existing Class III carriers and Ironhorse, a noncarrier holding company. As a result of this transaction, CGX would directly control TRH (which is currently a noncarrier). Ironhorse directly controls several existing Class III rail carriers. As a result of this transaction, Ironhorse would directly control SQSC and WHRR (which are currently noncarriers).

The Controlling Entities represent that: (1) The rail lines to be owned by TRH, the lines to be operated SQSC and WHRR, and the properties of the rail carriers controlled by the Controlling Entities do not connect with each other; (2) the proposed continuance in control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the carriers with each other or any other railroad in the corporate family; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I 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).

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 sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Accordingly, the Board may not impose labor protective conditions here because all the carriers involved are Class III carriers.

If the 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 to stay must be filed no later than March 20, 2019 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36272, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas F. McFarland, Thomas F. McFarland, P.C.,

<sup>1</sup> The verified notice was supplemented on March 1, 2019, with a letter indicating that the proposed transaction does not involve any interchange commitments.