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SERVICE DATE – JANUARY 13, 2021

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. FD 36422

BRANCH LINE RAILROAD, INC.—LEASE & OPERATION EXEMPTION—
NORTHWOODS DISTRIBUTION SERVICES, INC.

Decided: January 12, 2021

On December 21, 2020, Branch Line Railroad, Inc. (BLRR),¹ filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.31 to lease from Northwoods Distribution Services, Inc., and operate approximately 3,000 feet of existing rail line and transloading facilities in Rhinelander, Wis. The notice, however, did not include the required certification as to whether or not the proposed acquisition or operation involves a provision or agreement that may limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier, as required by 49 C.F.R. § 1150.33(h).

BLRR may cure this deficiency by filing the required certification (and, if there is a provision or agreement that may limit future interchange, the additional information required by § 1150.33(h)) by January 19, 2021, or the notice will be rejected.

The exemption will not become effective pending further order of the Board.

It is ordered:

1. The additional information described above is due by January 19, 2021.
2. The exemption will not become effective pending further order of the Board.
3. The decision is effective on its service date.

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

¹ The verified notice indicates that BLRR is a noncarrier. (See Verified Notice 2, 4.)