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36486 (Sub-No. 2) and 36486 (Sub-No. 3)

Re: STB Finance Docket Nos. ~~36580 and 36580 (Sub-No. 1)~~
Grainbelt Corporation - Trackage Rights Exemption -
BNSF Railway Company

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced docket is a Trackage Rights Notice of Exemption for Grainbelt Corporation ("GNBC"). In addition, GNBC is filing in Finance Docket 36486 (Sub-No. 1) a Petition for Partial Revocation to permit the partial revocation of the trackage rights.

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Respectfully,

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/s/ Eric M. Hocky

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Grainbelt Corporation (“GNBC”), a Class III railroad, files this Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1180.2(d)(7) to exempt from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. §11323, the grant of an extension of the term of previously amended local trackage rights by BNSF Railway Company (“BNSF”) that allow GNBC: (1) to operate over the Joint Facilities¹ across and to the Plains Cotton Cooperative Association facility near BNSF Chickasha Subdivision MP 688.6 at Altus, Oklahoma; and (2) to operate additional trains on BNSF/GNBC Joint Facilities in addition to its current rights to provide service between Snyder, Oklahoma, and Quanah, Texas (referred herein as the PCCA Trackage Rights²). The current amendment to the PCCA Trackage Rights are based on a written agreement and are not being filed or sought in a responsive application.

This filing is related to the Petition for Partial Revocation to Permit Expiration of Amended Trackage Rights being filed simultaneously in Sub-No. 1 in this docket which seeks to permit the

¹ The Joint Facilities are defined as trackage between Long, OK (approximate MP 668.73) and Quanah, TX (approximate MP 723.3). See *Grainbelt Corporation – Trackage Rights Exemption – BNSF Railway Company and Stillwater Central Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 35332 (served December 17, 2009).

² The PCCA Trackage Rights were authorized by the Board in *Grainbelt Corporation – Trackage Rights Exemption – BNSF Railway Company*, STB Docket No. 36486 (March 12, 2021).

PCCA Trackage Rights to expire automatically on the termination date set forth in the twelve months from the effective date.

Required Information

In accordance with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. §1180.4(g), GNBC provides the following information as required by 49 C.F.R. §1180.6(a)(1)(i)-(iii), (a)(5), (a)(6), and (a)(7)(ii):

(a)(1)(i) GNBC holds overhead trackage rights granted by the predecessor of BNSF between Snyder Yard, milepost 664.00 and Quanah, Texas, milepost 723.30 (the “original trackage rights”), under which GNBC has the right to interchange at Quanah with BNSF and with Union Pacific Railroad (as the successor to Southern Pacific Railroad). BNSF subsequently sold a portion of the subject trackage to Stillwater Central Railroad, LLC f/k/a Stillwater Central Railroad, Inc. The original trackage rights were supplemented in 2009 to allow GNBC to operate between Snyder and Altus, Oklahoma, with the right to perform limited local service at Long, Oklahoma. *See Grainbelt Corporation – Trackage Rights Exemption – BNSF Railway Company and Stillwater Central Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 35332 (served December 17, 2009). The trackage rights were further amended in 2013 to allow GNBC to provide local grain service to a shuttle facility at Headrick, Oklahoma. *See Grainbelt Corporation – Trackage Rights Exemption – BNSF Railway Company and Stillwater Central Railroad Company*, STB Docket No. FD 35719 (served March 15, 2013). The parties again amended the trackage rights in 2014 to allow GNBC to provide local service to a grain shuttle facility in Eldorado, Oklahoma (between Altus, Oklahoma and Quanah, Texas). *See Grainbelt Corporation – Trackage Rights Exemption – BNSF Railway Company and Stillwater Central Railroad LLC*, STB Docket No. FD 35831 (served June 12, 2014).

In 2021, BNSF and GNBC amended the trackage rights again to include the new PCCA Trackage Rights allowing: (1) GNBC to use the Joint Facilities to deliver and pull cars to and from the existing Plains Cotton Cooperative Association facility near BNSF Chickasha Subdivision MP 688.6 at Altus, OK, for the purpose of building unit trains with distributive power. These rights also permit GNBC to operate on BNSF's mainline (the Joint Facilities) as necessary. And (2) GNBC to operate additional trains on the Joint Facilities in order to accommodate the movement of trains transporting BNSF Customers' railcars (loaded or empty) located along the Joint Facilities, to unit train facilities on the Joint Facilities. *See Grainbelt Corporation – Trackage Rights Exemption – BNSF Railway Company*, STB Docket No. 36486 (March 12, 2021). Subsequently, in Finance Docket No. 36486 (Sub-No. 1), the Board granted GNBC a petition for partial revocation of the PCCA Trackage Rights exemption to allow them to expire on March 28, 2022.

BNSF and GNBC have now entered into an amendment to extend the PCCA Trackage Rights until March 28, 2023.

The name, business address and telephone number of Applicant are: Grainbelt Corporation, 1601 Gary Blvd., PO Box 1750, Clinton, OK 73601-1750; (580) 323-1234.

The name, business address and telephone number of counsel to whom questions regarding the transaction can be addressed are:

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(a)(1)(ii) GNBC intends to commence operations under the amended PCCA Trackage Rights upon the earliest possible time following the effective date of this exemption (thirty days after filing).

(a)(1)(iii) The extension provided by the amendment will allow GNBC to continue to use the PCCA Trackage Rights beyond their current expiration date.

(a)(5) GNBC currently operates in the State of Oklahoma. It also has the right to operate over trackage rights in the State of Texas. The Joint Facilities under the PCCA Trackage Rights agreement are located in the states of Oklahoma and Texas.

(a)(6) A map showing the PCCA Trackage Rights line is attached as Exhibit A.

(a)(7)(ii) The amendment extending the term of the PCCA Trackage Rights is attached as Exhibit B.

Labor Protection

Applicant understands that any employees adversely affected by the trackage rights are entitled to protection under the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Railway Company - Trackage Rights - Burlington Northern, Inc.*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified by *Mendocino Coast Railway, Inc. - Lease and Operate - California Western Railroad*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

Environmental and Historic Reports

Under 49 C.F.R. §1105.6(c)(4) and 49 C.F.R. §1105.8(b)(3), no environmental or historic documentation is required.

Caption Summary

Attached as Exhibit C is the caption summary required by 49 C.F.R. §1180.4(g)(2)(i).

Conclusion

Based on the information provided above, GNBC requests that the Board issue a notice of exemption to extend the term of the amended trackage rights that are the subject of this notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

I, Judy A. Petry, President and General Manager of Grainbelt Corporation, verify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file the foregoing document.

Executed on February 11, 2022.



Judy A. Petry

EXHIBIT A

MAP



This map, printed by University of Oklahoma Printing Services, is issued by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation as authorized by the Director of Transportation. 10,000 copies have been printed and distributed at a cost of approximately \$0.4295 per copy.

EXHIBIT B
AGREEMENT

**AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO TRACKAGE RIGHTS AGREEMENT
BETWEEN LONG, OK AND QUANAH, TX**

This Amendment No. 5 to the Trackage Rights Agreement, as amended and/or supplemented, between Long, OK and Quanah, OK is entered into effective as of this 27th day of January, 2022, (the "**Execution Date**") by and between BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY, a Delaware corporation, ("BNSF") and GRAINBELT CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation ("GNBC"). Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meaning as provided for in the Trackage Rights Agreement, as defined below.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, BNSF and GNBC entered into a Trackage Rights Agreement dated August 20, 1987, as amended (the "**Original Trackage Rights Agreement**"), whereby BNSF granted trackage rights to GNBC between Snyder, OK (approximate MP 664.0) and Quanah, TX (approximate MP 723.3);

WHEREAS, BNSF and GNBC entered into a fourth amendment of the Original Trackage Rights Agreement, as amended, dated February 19, 2021 (the "**Amendment No. 4**") to allow GNBC to perform certain local services at Altus, OK, and to clarify the operation and method of compensation;

WHEREAS, BNSF and GNBC wish to further amend the Trackage Rights Agreement to extend the term of Amendment No. 4 as set forth below;

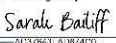
NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and conditions herein and other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

- I. The termination date under Article IV of Amendment No. 4 shall be extended to March 28, 2023.
- II. Except as provided herein, the Trackage Rights Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, and nothing herein is intended to alter or supplement any rights or obligations of any party other than BNSF and GNBC.
- III. GNBC shall be responsible for filing with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a notice of exemption approving the terms of this Amendment No. 5 pursuant to 49 CFR 1 180.2(d)(7) and a petition for partial revocation of the Amendment No. 5 class exemption so that the Amendment No. 5 rights set forth herein automatically expire twelve (12) months from the effective date of Amendment No. 5. The terms herein shall be subject to and conditioned upon and shall not become effective until the later of i) the effective date of the notice of exemption ("Effective Date"); or ii) the filing of the petition for partial revocation of the Amendment No. 5 exemption. Additionally, the rights set forth herein shall not become effective if the STB imposes conditions upon the trackage rights which are not acceptable to either party unless the parties agree otherwise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Amendment No. 5 effective as of the day and year first written above.

BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY, a Delaware Corporation

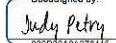
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GRAINBELT CORPORATION, a Delaware Corporation

By: Judy Petry _____

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Title: President and General Manager _____

EXHIBIT C

CAPTION SUMMARY

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**GRAINBELT CORPORATION
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BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY**

BNSF Railway Company (“BNSF”) has agreed to grant an extension to the term of an existing agreement for local trackage rights to Grainbelt Corporation (“GNBC”) through an amendment to their existing trackage rights agreement, as previously amended, to allow local access to and from the Joint Facilities at MP 688.6 at Altus, OK, and to allow the operation of certain additional trains on the portion of the Joint Facilities between Long, OK and Quanah, TX. The amended trackage rights will become effective 30 days from the filing of the GNBC notice.

The Notice is filed under 49 C.F.R. §1180.2(d)(7). 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 stay the transaction.

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov

Decided: _____

By the Board,

Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings