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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1034
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: **FD 36594**

***Texas Coastal Bend Railroad, L.L.C. — Change of Operators Exemption —
Railroad Line in Nueces County, Tex.***

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.32(e), Texas Coastal Bend Railroad, L.L.C. (“TCBR”) certifies that on March 21, 2022, the attached Notice was posted in connection with a proposed transaction pursuant to which TCBR will replace the Corpus Christi Terminal Railroad, Inc. (“CCTR”) as the railroad common carrier service provider within the port terminal facilities owned by the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas. Specifically, the attached labor notice was posted at the following workplace at which all CCTR employees currently report: 8105 Joe Fulton International Trade Corridor, Corpus Christi, TX 78409.

CCTR employees are not represented by any labor union. Accordingly, the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1150.32(e) (service of notice on the national offices of labor unions with employees on the affected lines) are inapplicable here.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me.
Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ ***R. A. Wimbish***

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NOTICE

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.32(e), Texas Coastal Bend Railroad, L.L.C. (“TCBR”) provides notice that it has entered into a Short Line Railroad Operating Agreement (the “Operating Agreement”) with the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas (“PCCA” or “Port Authority”) under which TCBR will be responsible for providing terminal railroad switching and track maintenance services on approximately 63 miles of PCCA’s trackage in Corpus Christi, TX. The arrangements between the Port Authority and TCBR are intended, among other things, to permit TCBR to replace Corpus Christi Terminal Railroad, Inc. (“CCTR”), as the provider of railroad common carrier services on Port Authority-owned lines in and around the Corpus Christi terminal area. Incidental to the transaction between TCBR and the Port Authority, TCBR also intends to obtain trackage rights over certain lines of the Union Pacific Railroad Company to facilitate TCBR’s direct operational connection between Port Authority trackage located on the north side of Corpus Christi shipping channel and Port Authority trackage located to the south of the channel. (The aforementioned incidental trackage rights transaction is also intended as part of the arrangements under which TCBR will replace CCTR as the Port Authority’s selected common carrier service provider.) PCCA is a political subdivision of the State of Texas operating as a navigation district under Article 16, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas, particularly Chapters 60 and 62, Texas Water Code.

As a result of implementation of the aforementioned Short Line Railroad Operating Agreement pursuant to applicable Surface Transportation Board authorization procedures, TCBR currently anticipates that it will have employment opportunities in Corpus Christi, TX, in the following areas, with the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

General Manager (GM):

1 position in Corpus Christi, TX. This position requires the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

- Responsible for all team members, operations, track maintenance, and mechanical operations on the railroad.
- Must have Qualifications on the General Code of Operating Rules (GCOR) and have passed a written test in the past 18 months.
- Must have demonstrated success in a similar leadership role.

Trainmaster:

Approximately 2 positions in Corpus Christi, TX. These positions require the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

- At least 1 year experience as a Conductor/Brakeman/Engineer.
- Must have Qualifications on the General Code of Operating Rules (GCOR) and have passed a written test in the past 18 months.
- Must understand air brake and mechanical systems of a train and locomotives and pass a written test to verify competency.

Conductor:

Approximately 6 positions in Corpus Christi, TX. These positions require the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

- At least 1 year experience as a Conductor/Brakeman.
- Must have Qualifications on the General Code of Operating Rules (GCOR) and have passed a written test in the past 18 months.
- Must possess a valid conductor's certificate issued by a program in compliance with 49 CFR Part 242.
- Must be able to meet all hearing and vision requirements of 49 CFR Part 242.
- Must understand air brake and mechanical systems of a train and locomotives and pass a written test to verify competency.

Engineer:

Approximately 6 positions in Corpus Christi, TX. These positions require the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

- At least 1 year experience as a Locomotive Engineer.
- Must possess a valid Engineer's certificate issued by a program in compliance with 49 CFR Part 240.
- Must be able to meet all hearing and vision requirements of 49 CFR Part 240.
- Must understand air brake and mechanical systems of a train and locomotives and pass a written test to verify competency.

Chief Mechanical Officer (CMO):

Approximately 1 position in Corpus Christi, TX. These positions require the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

- Responsible for all team members under the mechanical operations including car repair and locomotive maintenance departments.
- Must have knowledge of and comply with FRA/AAR standards.
- Must possess a high school education or GED, and a minimum of 12 months job-related experience; or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Prefer background in technical training in Diesel/Electrical maintenance/repair.
- Demonstrated knowledge and ability in using required hand and power tools.

Locomotive Mechanic:

2 positions located in Corpus Christi, TX. This position requires the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

- Make repairs and perform scheduled maintenance to locomotives.
- Must have knowledge of and comply with FRA standards.
- Must possess a high school education or GED, and a minimum of 12 months job-related experience; or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Prefer background in technical training in Diesel/Electrical maintenance/repair.
- Demonstrated knowledge and ability in using required hand and power tools.

Roadmaster:

1 position located in Corpus Christi, TX. This position requires the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

- Responsible for team members and contractors performing track inspection and repair duties.
- Implement remedial action on defects pending repair.
- Oversee/direct production gang work.
- Coordinate and manage annual track maintenance programs.
- Must possess 3 years supervisory experience in Railroad Track Maintenance.
- Must possess or obtain a CDL license.

Track Inspector:

Approximately 1 position in Corpus Christi, TX. These positions require the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

- Inspect railroad track structure for compliance with railroad policy and federal/state regulations.
- Inspect completed work to verify conformance to government regulations.
- Prepare inspection reports for management and government compliance.
- Perform tasks associated with track work including but not limited to, pulling, and driving spikes, replacing ties, surfacing track, changing rail, bars, and other track apparatus.
- Must be willing to learn and apply FRA rules and regulations and be able to perform maintenance in a timely manner.
- Must be willing to learn to operate in a safe and efficient manner, all equipment and tools associated with track maintenance.
- Must possess a high school education or GED, and a minimum of 12 months job-related experience; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

The positions listed in this notice will be expected to report on duty to as-yet undetermined location at or near the Port Authority-owned railroad facilities that are the subject of the aforementioned “Operating Agreement,” but all employee should be prepared perform work at any point on the TCBR system. The most qualified candidates will be selected from the available pool of applicants without regard to race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, or veteran status. The selection criteria will be job-related skills and attributes as outlined above. Suitable candidates must have a stable work record, exhibit safe work practices, and, critically, must be able to work in a team environment with a focus on customer service. Applicants must be able to read and comprehend regulations and instructions in English, as well as possess good oral communication skills. Successful applicants will be required to pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol screen and complete a medical questionnaire. Every Team Member is an at-will employee. All Team Members are expected to know and abide by the standard code of Team Member Conduct.

All jobs will be posted at www.watcocompanies.com or information can be obtained by calling Human Resource department at (866) 479-2826.

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