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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. FD 36746

BAY COLONY RAILROAD CORPORATION—ACQUISITION AND OPERATION OF
RAIL LINE—IN NORFOLK COUNTY, MASS.

Docket No. FD 36747¹

MASSACHUSETTS COASTAL RAILROAD, LLC—ACQUISITION AND OPERATION
EXEMPTION—BAY COLONY RAILROAD CORPORATION AND MASSACHUSETTS
BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Decided: April 11, 2024

On January 16, 2024, Bay Colony Railroad Corporation (Bay Colony), a Class III rail carrier, filed a petition under 49 U.S.C. § 10502 seeking an exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 10902 for after-the-fact authority to acquire and operate a freight rail easement covering the approximately 3.4-mile Millis Industrial Track (sometimes referred to as the “Millis Branch”) between the northeast side of the Framingham Secondary right-of-way in Medfield Junction (milepost 0.0) and the end of the line in Millis (milepost 3.4), in Norfolk County, Mass. Bay Colony also requests that, to the extent necessary, the Board confirm Bay Colony’s right to operate a portion of the Dover Secondary Track beginning near BCLR milepost 7.2 located at the south edge of Ice House Road and terminating at milepost 7.3 at Medfield Junction (Remaining Dover Secondary Track), also in Norfolk County, Mass.

Concurrently, on January 16, 2024, Massachusetts Coastal Railroad, LLC, a Class III rail carrier, filed a petition under 49 U.S.C. § 10502 seeking an exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 10902 to acquire from Bay Colony and operate the Millis Industrial Track and the Remaining Dover Secondary Track.

The petitions for exemption raise issues that require further consideration by the Board. By this decision, proceedings under 49 U.S.C. § 10502(b) will be instituted in Docket Nos. FD 36746 and FD 36747. The Board is not requesting the submission of additional evidence.

¹ These proceedings are not consolidated but are being addressed in the same decision for administrative convenience.

It is ordered:

1. Proceedings under 49 U.S.C. § 10502(b) are instituted in Docket Nos. FD 36746 and FD 36747.

2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.