

SERVICE DATE – DECEMBER 22, 2025

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. FD 36833

LAMPWRIGHTS LLC—CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A LINE OF
RAILROAD—IN ELK AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, PA.

Decided: December 22, 2025

On September 29, 2025, Lampwrights LLC (Lampwrights), a noncarrier, filed a petition under 49 U.S.C. § 10502 for exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10901 to construct and operate a new rail line in Elk and Jefferson Counties, Pa. (the Line). According to Lampwrights, the Line would extend approximately 20,427 feet from the terminus of an active Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. (BPRR), rail line located at the O-I Crenshaw Glass Plant to the Greentree Landfill.¹ (Pet. 1.) Lampwrights states that it intends to enter into an agreement with BPRR for BPRR to operate the Line. (Id.)

According to the petition, construction of the Line would facilitate the movement via rail of waste to the Greentree Landfill, which is not directly served by any rail carrier. (Id. at 2.) Lampwrights states that it anticipates that the Line will be used to ship one in-bound train and one empty out-bound train per week, each comprised of 75 cars. (Id. at 4.) According to Lampwrights, the Line would provide public benefits by shifting the transportation of waste from trucks on public roadways to more efficient transportation by rail. (Id. at 7.) In addition, Lampwrights claims that the Line would allow for increased use of the Greentree Landfill, which would generate additional revenue for the state and local governments. (Id.)

The petition for exemption raises issues that require consideration by the Board, and an environmental and historic review will also be required. By this decision, a proceeding will be instituted under 49 U.S.C. § 10502(b). Interested persons may reply to the petition by January 22, 2026. The issues presented by the petition will be addressed in a subsequent decision.

It is ordered:

1. Under 49 U.S.C. § 10502(b), a proceeding is instituted.
2. Replies to Lampwrights' petition are due by January 22, 2026.

¹ Lampwrights states that it is a noncarrier subsidiary of Noble Environmental, Inc., which owns Greentree Landfill. (Pet. 1.) According to Lampwrights, the landfill will construct private track to receive waste in sealed intermodal containers. (Id. at 4.).

3. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.