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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. FD 36874

PROVISO RAILROAD, INC.—ACQUISITION EXEMPTION—L. NEILL
CARTAGE CO., INC.

Docket No. FD 36875¹

MASON RAILROAD, INC.—ACQUISITION EXEMPTION—L. NEILL
CARTAGE CO., INC.

Decided: December 31, 2025

On December 3, 2025, in Docket No. FD 36874, Proviso Railroad, Inc. (PRR), a noncarrier, filed a notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.31 to acquire from L. Neill Cartage Co., Inc. (Cartage), and operate approximately 712.5 feet of rail line located at a transload facility owned by Cartage in Berkeley, Ill. On December 4, 2026, in Docket No. FD 36874, Mason Railroad, Inc. (MRR), a noncarrier, filed a notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.31 to acquire from Cartage and operate approximately 665 feet of rail line located at a transload facility owned by Cartage in Bedford Park, Ill. PRR and MRR each filed supplements in their respective dockets on both December 29 and 30, 2025.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.32(b), exemptions become effective 30 days after notice of the exemption is filed. Although PRR and MRR submitted their notices on December 3 and 4, 2025, respectively, a notice is not considered to be filed until it meets the Board's regulatory requirements. See Buckeye Hammond R.R.—Acquis. & Operation Exemption—Buckeye Partners, L.P., FD 35697, slip op. at 1 n.1 (STB served Jan. 3, 2013). The supplements filed by PRR and MRR are currently under review. Accordingly, the effective dates of the exemptions in Docket Nos. FD 36874 and FD 36875 are postponed until further order of the Board.

It is ordered:

1. The effective dates of the exemptions in Docket Nos. FD 36874 and FD 36875 are postponed until further order of the Board.

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

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

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