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DECISION

Docket No. FD 36894

AJAK RAIL, LLC—ACQUISITION EXEMPTION—RAIL LINE OF FRANKLIN STORAGE,
LP AT ADVANTAGE AVENUE TRANSLOAD FACILITY, CHAMBERSBURG, PA.

Docket No. FD 36895

NPJ RAIL, LLC—ACQUISITION EXEMPTION—RAIL LINE OF FRANKLIN STORAGE,
LP AT GUILFORD SPRINGS ROAD TRANSLOAD FACILITY, CHAMBERSBURG, PA.

Docket No. FD 36896

PNGT RAIL, LLC—ACQUISITION EXEMPTION—RAIL LINE OF FRANKLIN
STORAGE, LP AT WCN DRIVE TRANSLOAD FACILITY, CHAMBERSBURG, PA.

Docket No. FD 36897¹

WCN RAIL, LLC—ACQUISITION EXEMPTION—RAIL LINE OF FRANKLIN
STORAGE, LP AT KRINER ROAD TRANSLOAD FACILITY, CHAMBERSBURG, PA.

Decided: January 13, 2026

On December 15, 2025, in Docket No. FD 36894, AJAK Rail, LLC (AJAK), a noncarrier, filed a notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.31 to acquire from Colby Nitterhouse, on behalf of Franklin Storage, LP (Franklin Storage), and operate approximately 7,665 feet of rail line located at a transloading facility owned by AJAK Properties, LP, and leased by Franklin Storage, in Chambersburg, Pa. On the same date, in Docket No. FD 36895, NPJ Rail, LLC (NPJ), a noncarrier, filed a notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.31 to acquire from Colby Nitterhouse, on behalf of Franklin Storage, and operate approximately 1,800 feet of rail line located at a transloading facility owned by NPJ Properties, LP, and leased by Franklin Storage, in Chambersburg, Pa. Also on December 15, 2025, in Docket No. FD 36896, PNGT Rail, LLC (PNGT), a noncarrier, filed a notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.31 to acquire from Colby Nitterhouse, on behalf of Franklin Storage, and operate approximately 2,200 feet of rail line at a transloading facility owned by PNGT Properties, LP, and leased by Franklin Storage, in Chambersburg, Pa. On December 18, 2025, in Docket No.

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

FD 36897, WCN Rail, LLC (WCN), a noncarrier, filed a notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.31 to acquire from Colby Nitterhouse, on behalf of Franklin Storage, and operate approximately 2,220 feet of rail line at a transloading facility owned by WCN Properties, LP, and leased by Franklin Storage, in Chambersburg, Pa. As described below, each of the notices lacks certain required information.

First, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.32(a), to qualify for an exemption, a notice of exemption must be “verified.” Although the notices submitted by AJAK, NPJ, PNGT, and WCN (collectively, Applicants) each state that a verification is attached at Appendix 4, the notices do not include an Appendix 4 or otherwise provide a verification. Applicants will be directed to provide the required verifications.

Second, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.33(h), “[t]he filing party must certify whether or not a proposed acquisition or operation of a rail line involves a provision or agreement that may limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier, whether by outright prohibition, per-car penalty, adjustment in the purchase price or rental, positive economic inducement, or other means (‘interchange commitment’).” None of Applicants’ notices include such a certification. Applicants will be directed to provide the required certifications.²

Third, the maps submitted in each of the dockets appear to indicate that the subject lines are owned by third parties. In the map submitted in Docket No. FD 36894, all identified rail lines are labeled as either “Pennsylvania & Southern RR Spur” or “Pennsylvania & Southern RR Other.” In the maps submitted in Docket Nos. FD 36895 and FD 36896, all identified rail lines are labeled as either “NS RR Spur” or “NS RR Main.” And, in the map submitted in Docket No. FD 36897, all identified rail lines are labeled as either “CSXT RR Spur” or “CSXT RR Siding.” Applicants will be directed to clarify the ownership of the subject lines in each docket and revise the maps as necessary.

Finally, in Docket No. FD 36894, AJAK states that the length of the subject line is “approximately 7,665 feet (.50 mile[s]).” However, 7,665 feet does not correspond to 0.50 miles. Accordingly, AJAK will be directed to clarify the length of the subject line in that docket.

Late in the day on January 13, 2026, Applicants submitted supplemental information related to some of these dockets. In light of the foregoing, Applicants will be directed to supplement their notices with the information described above by January 27, 2026 to the extent they have not already done so. The effective dates of the exemptions in these dockets will be postponed until further order of the Board.

² On January 12, 2026, Norfolk Southern Railway Company filed a letter in Docket Nos. FD 36895 and FD 36896, requesting that the Board postpone the effective date of the notices of exemption in these dockets due to, among other things, NPJ’s and PNGT’s failures to provide the required certifications.

It is ordered:

1. Applicants are directed to file supplemental information, as discussed above, by January 27, 2026.
2. The effective dates of the exemptions in Docket Nos. FD 36894, FD 36895, FD 36896, and FD 36897 are postponed until further order of the Board.
3. This decision is effective on its date of service.

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