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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Lampwrights LLC
– Operation Exemption –
Line in Jefferson County, PA
Surface Transportation Board Finance Docket 36911

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for e-filing on behalf of Lampwrights LLC is a Notice of Exemption being filed under 49 USC 10901 and 49 CFR 1150.31. The filing fee was paid using Pay.gov. Please let me know if there are any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Justin J. Marks'.

Justin J. Marks
Counsel for Lampwrights LLC

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cc: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

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This Verified Notice is filed pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1150.31 by Lampwrights LLC (“Lampwrights”), a non-carrier, to exempt from regulation under 49 U.S.C. § 10901, its operation of approximately 2,269 feet of existing private railroad track (the “Rail Line”) to convert it into a common carrier transloading facility. In addition to the 2,269 feet of common carrier rail line, Lampwrights would utilize another 1,674 feet of track as railroad sidetrack under 49 USC § 10906.

Lampwrights will hold out to shippers seeking to transload containerized waste from rail cars to trucks. The waste will remain containerized until it reaches its final destination at Greentree Landfill and will not be transferred outside of its original shipping container. The intent is for the loaded containers to move from rail car to truck without the container touching the ground. After approval of the Notice, Lampwrights will provide common carrier switching services and transloading for customers that ship containerized waste. Lampwrights anticipates operating one train per day.

Lampwrights’ proposed transload facility will not fall under the Clean Railroads Act of 2008 because under, 49 USC § 10908(e)(1)(H)(i), the term “solid waste rail transfer facility”—“means the portion of a facility owned or operated by or on behalf of a rail carrier (as defined in section 10102 of this title) where solid waste, as a commodity to be transported for a charge, is ...

transferred, ... outside of original shipping containers.” Here, Lampwrights will not be a solid waste rail transfer facility because the waste will not be transferred outside of the original shipping containers and thus the Clean Railroads Act is not applicable.

Notice

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. §1150.33, Lampwrights hereby provides the following information:

- (a) The full name and address of Applicant: Lampwrights LLC, 6000 Town Center Blvd Suite 145 Canonsburg, PA 15317.
- (b) The name, address, and telephone number of the representative of Lampwrights who should receive correspondence: Justin J. Marks, Clark Hill, PLC, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Suite 1300 South, Washington, DC 20004; (202) 772-0916.
- (c) Lampwrights acquired the track and surrounding property from Buffalo and Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. (“BPRR”). BPRR previously operated the track as sidetrack under 49 U.S.C. § 10906 and prior to that the track and surrounding property was used to facilitate coal loading.
- (d) BPRR operated the track as sidetrack. Lampwrights will operate the track as a common carrier.

- (e) Brief Summary of the Proposed Transaction:

Lampwrights will operate 2,269 feet of the track as common carrier track and will operate the other 1,674 feet of track as U.S.C. § 10906 sidetrack. Lampwrights will operate the portion of the tracks designated as the Rail Line as shown on the maps attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The Lampwrights conversion of the side track now private track to common carrier rail

service is consistent with Board precedent in cases such as *Effingham Railroad Company – Petition for Declaratory Order - Construction at Effingham, IL*, STB Finance Docket No. NOR 41986, 1997 WL 564155 (served Sept. 12, 1997).

Noble Environmental, Inc. originally considered that its subsidiary Greentree Rail, LLC (“Greentree Rail”) would operate the track as a non-common carrier transloading facility. Greentree Rail submitted a permit application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (“PADEP”) on May 14, 2025, to conduct non-common carrier transloading utilizing the Rail Line while Lampwrights simultaneously seeks Board authority to build a new common carrier rail line from the end of the BPRR line directly to the Greentree Landfill.¹ Greentree Rail’s proposal to PADEP for non-common carrier transloading was to transload containerized waste from rail cars to trucks without the waste ever being transferred outside of its original shipping container. However, after discussing the non-carrier transload concept with PADEP, Greentree Rail learned that PADEP does not regulate facilities transloading containerized waste when those containers will not touch the ground and the waste will not leave the container.²

After consulting with PADEP about different types of waste-by-rail operations in Pennsylvania, Greentree Rail and Lampwrights have determined that Lampwrights commercial interests are better served operating the facility as a rail common carrier to allow Lampwrights to more efficiently hold out to shippers and will allow Lampwrights to develop commercial relationships with shippers as it pursues Board authority to construct the rail line directly to Greentree Landfill. Lampwrights is anticipating operating one train per day.

¹ See Financed Docket No. 36833 Lampwrights LLC – Construction and Operation Exemption in Elk and Jefferson Counties, PA (filed September 29, 2025).

² In its Construction and Operation Petition for Exemption, Lampwrights stated its mistaken understanding that the non-carrier transload facility would be regulated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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Accordingly, Lampwrights is seeking Board authority to operate this facility subject to the Board's exclusive jurisdiction under 49 U.S.C. § 10501(b).

- (1) The name and address of the entity that currently controls the Rail Line:
Lampwrights LLC, 6000 Town Center Blvd Suite 145 Canonsburg, PA 15317.
- (2) Lampwrights expects to commence operations on or after the effective date of this notice of exemption, more than thirty days after filing.
- (3) The Rail Line is located in Jefferson County, PA. There are no mileposts because the Rail Line has been used to date as sidetrack without a milepost designation.
- (4) The total mileage to be acquired and operated is approximately 2,269 feet.
Another 1,1674 feet will be operated as sidetrack under 49 U.S.C. § 10906.
- (f) Attached as Exhibit A to this Notice of Exemption are maps of the Rail Line.
- (g) Lampwrights certifies that its projected revenues as a result of the transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III carrier.³

³ Lampwrights additionally certifies that its projected revenues after the transaction will not exceed \$5,000,000 per year.

- (h) No interchange commitments are being imposed on Lampwrights' operations.

Labor Protection

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §10901(c), approval of this transaction may not be subjected to labor protections.

Environmental and Historic Reports

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1105.6(c)(1)(i), no environmental documentation should be required because this proceeding involves operating authority under 49 U.S.C. §10901 for converting railroad sidetrack/private track to common carrier operations that will not exceed the thresholds established in 49 C.F.R. §1105.7(e)(4)(no truck diversion) or (e)(5)(less than 8 trains per day).

No historic report under 49 C.F.R. §1105.8(b)(1) should be required because this Notice of Exemption merely involves the acquisition of operating authority to conduct switching and transloading services as a rail common carrier on tracks that were previously operated as a railroad owned sidetrack, and Board approval will be required to discontinue or abandon any service. Lampwrights has no plans to dispose of or alter properties subject to the Board's jurisdiction that are 50 years old or older.

Caption Summary

Attached hereto as Exhibit B is the caption summary required by 49 C.F.R. §1150.34.

Conclusion

Accordingly, Lampwrights requests that the Board issue a notice allowing common carrier operations to become effective at any time after 30 days from the filing of this Notice of Exemption.

Respectfully submitted,



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Counsel for Lampwrights LLC

Dated: February 25, 2026

VERIFICATION

I, Alex Sulkowski, President, of Lampwrights LLC verify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file the foregoing document.

Executed on February 25, 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Alex Sulkowski', is written over a solid horizontal line.

Alex Sulkowski

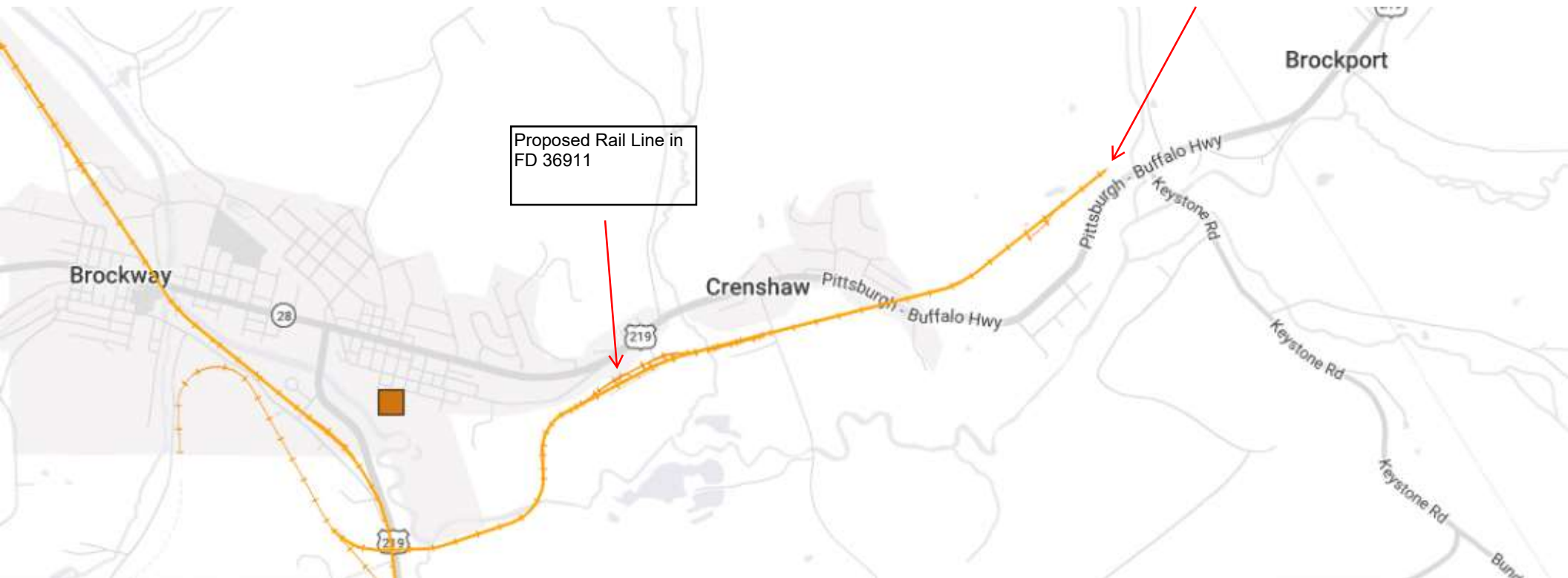
EXHIBIT A

MAPS



Lampwrights Common Carrier Line = Orange
Lampwrights Side Track = Red

BPRR Main Line = Green



Proposed Rail Line in
FD 36911

Starting Point of Proposed
Line in Lampwrights
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BPRR Rail Lines = Orange

EXHIBIT B

CAPTION SUMMARY

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Comments must be filed with the Board and served on Lampwrights’ representative, Justin J. Marks, Esq., Clark Hill, PLC, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Suite 1300 South Washington, DC 20004; (202) 572-8668.

The Notice is filed under 49 C.F.R. §1150.31. If the Notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. §10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: February __, 2026.

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