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Space City Terminals Inc.

Operation Exemption—at Houston, TX.

Docket No. FD 36908

Dear Chief:

Enclosed for filing is an original **Notice of Exemption** on behalf of **Space City Terminals Inc.** ("Petitioner"). Petitioners seek to be classified as a Class III rail common carrier to provide switching and transportation services at its terminal in Houston, TX.

The required filing fee of **\$2,500** has been paid via Pay.gov.

Confirmation # 280F5F39

Respectfully submitted,

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BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DOCKET NO. FD 36908

SPACE CITY TERMINALS INC.—OPERATION EXEMPTION—HOUSTON, TX

Petitioner Information

- **Entity Name:** Space City Terminals Inc., a Texas corporation.
- **Physical Address:** 1914 Haden Rd., Houston, TX 77015.
- **Mailing Address:** 2239 Haden Rd., Houston, TX 77015.
- **Ownership:** The petitioner is owned and controlled by Robert Thomas and Trey Hughes.
- **Control Disclosure:** Neither owner controls any other common carrier by railroad; this transaction does not involve a corporate family reorganization.

The Common Carrier Holding Out: Petitioner acknowledges it's "Common Carrier Obligation" and hereby holds itself out to the general public to provide rail transportation and switching services for compensation, assuming all duties and obligations of a common carrier under **49 U.S.C. § 11101**. Petitioners will maintain and publish a tariff governing its rates and rules of service or through separately negotiated contracts as permitted under **49 U.S.C. § 10709**

Non-Discrimination: The company will provide service on a non-discriminatory basis. No shipper shall be given an unreasonable preference or advantage, nor shall any shipper be subject to an unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage in the provision of rail service.

Interchange: The company will maintain its status as a common carrier by facilitating the continuous movement of freight in interstate commerce through interchange points with the Class 1 carriers, acting as the final or originating link in the national rail network.



Operational Description: Petitioner seeks authority to operate as a Class III common carrier over approximately 8.549 **miles** of existing industrial trackage at 1914 Haden Rd. The trackage connects to the national rail network via an interchange with the **PTRA Railroad**. Petitioners will provide "first mile/last-mile" switching and terminal services to shippers on their line. The company is prepared to provide rail transportation, switching, and related terminal services for compensation to any shipper or receiver requesting such service, subject to the availability of equipment and the operational capacity of the Company's trackage located at 1914 Haden Rd., Houston, TX. The trackage is situated on a site of approximately 6.79 acres optimized for heavy industrial use and rail served warehousing.

Nature of Service: Petitioner will provide comprehensive rail services, including:

- **Interchange Switching:** Receive inbound railcars and delivering outbound railcars to the connecting Class 1 Railroad (PTRA).
- **Intra-Terminal Switching:** Movement of railcars between different points within the 1914 Haden Rd facility to facilitate loading and unloading.
- **Railcar Storage:** Utilizing available track capacity for the temporary storage of empty or loaded railcars in support of shipper supply chains.

Public Benefit: By transitioning to a Common Carrier status, Space City Terminals INC. will enhance the fluidity of the Houston rail hub. The facility will provide local shippers with dedicated, responsive, switching services that are essential for movement of commodities in interstate commerce, particularly those serving the nearby Houston Ship Channel.

Exhibit A: Site Map Phase 1



Statement of Fact: Space City Terminals INC. has formally adopted a common carrier 'Hold Out' provision (Item 100 of its forthcoming Tariff). Affirming its commitment to provide rail service to the public upon reasonable request at its Houston, TX facility.

Robert Thomas

Owner/CEO

Trey Hughes

Owner/CEO

Roy A Cortez

Director of Operations



VERIFIED STATEMENT:

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS

I, **Roy Cortez**, declare under penalty of perjury that I am the **Director of Operations** for **Space City Terminals Inc.**; that I am authorized to make this verification; that I have read the foregoing Notice of Exemption; and that the facts stated therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed on: April 8, 2026

Roy Cortez, Director of Operations



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE:

I certify that on this day, I served a copy of this filing by First-Class Mail, postage prepaid, upon the following:

To Connecting Carrier:

Legal department of the Port Terminal Railroad Association (PTRA)

Chief Legal Officer: Carl E Matejka

8934 Manchester St. Houston, TX. 77012, USA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roy Cortez', is written over a horizontal line.

Roy Cortez

CAPTION SUMMARY (For Federal Register)

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD DOCKET NO. FD 36908 Space City
Terminals Inc.—Operation Exemption—at Houston, TX**

Space City Terminals Inc., a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption to operate approximately 8.549 miles of trackage at 1914 Haden Rd., Houston, TX. The transaction is expected to be consummated on or after May 8, 2026 (30 days after filing).
