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Washington, D.C. 20423

In Re: **L. Neill Cartage – Continuance in Control – Finance Docket 36912**  
**Proviso Railroad, Inc. – Acquisition Exemption – Finance Docket 36874**  
**Mason Railroad, Inc. – Acquisition Exemption – Finance Docket 36875**

Dear Sir or Madam:

On April 8, 2026, Fulcrum Rail, on behalf of L. Neill Cartage, caused to be filed with the U.S. Surface Transportation Board, a Supplement to Verified Notice of Exemption Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1180.2(d)(2). The Finance Docket Number associated with Mason Railroad, Inc. was inadvertently listed as 36894. The correct Finance Docket Number in that action is 36875.

Accordingly, L. Neill Cartage hereby submits its Amended Supplement to Verified Notice of Exemption Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1180.2(d)(2) listing the correct Finance Docket Number of Mason Railroad, Inc.'s Acquisition Exemption case.

I apologize for the error and inconvenience. If there are any questions about this matter, please contact me at 312-629-0222 or email at [max@prptax.com](mailto:max@prptax.com).

Respectfully,

/s/ *Max Callahan*

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Mason Railroad, Inc., and  
Proviso Railroad, Inc.

cc: Parties of record

**BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**  
**FINANCE DOCKET NUMBER FD 36912**

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FINANCE DOCKET NO. 36874  
L. NEILL CARTAGE, INC.  
-CONTINUANCE IN CONTROL-  
PROVISO RAILROAD, INC. ACQUISITION EXEMPTION

FINANCE DOCKET NO. 36875  
L. NEILL CARTAGE, INC.  
-CONTINUATION IN CONTROL-  
MASON RAILROAD, INC. ACQUISITION EXEMPTION

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**AMENDED SUPPLEMENT TO VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**  
**PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. §1180.2(d)(2)**

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Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1180.2(d)(2), L. Neill Cartage Co., Inc. (hereinafter “Cartage”), a non-carrier, hereby submits the following supplemental information to the Verified Notice of Exemption from Board authority under 49 U.S.C. §1180(d)(2) requesting approval of the Surface Transportation Board to own and operate two Class III rail carriers located and operated in Cook County, Illinois, and in support thereof states as follows:

That L. Neill Cartage controls Proviso Railroad, Inc. which filed Verified Notices of Exemption on December 3, 2025, to acquire 712.5 feet of rail line, located in Berkeley, Illinois.

That L. Neill Cartage controls Mason Railroad, Inc., which filed Verified Notices of Exemption on December 4, 2025, to acquire from Cartage 665 feet of rail line located in Bedford Park, Illinois.

That on February 27, 2026, Cartage filed Verified Notice of Exemption Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1180.2(d)(2) seeking Board approval to control Proviso Railroad, Inc. and Mason Railroad, Inc.

That pursuant to the Board's Decision and request issued March 30, 2026, relative to 49 C.F.R. §1180.6(a)(1)(iii), Cartage states that the purpose of this transaction is to allow Cartage, a non-carrier, to control two Class III railroads, i.e., Proviso Railroad and Mason Railroad, when both begin to operate as carriers. The continuance in control will allow Proviso Railroad and Mason Railroad to take advantage of administrative, financial, and marketing support that Cartage and that the other entities it controls can provide while adding operational experience. Thus, promoting the ability of Proviso Railroad and Mason Railroad to operate on behalf of Cartage to provide safe and efficient service to its customers and shippers.

For the foregoing reason, and those stated in Cartage's initial Verified Notice of Exemption, Cartage requests that the Board issue a notice of exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1180.2(d)(2).

Respectfully submitted,

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