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— OPERATION EXEMPTION —
IN WEST SACRAMENTO, YOLO COUNTY, CAL.

**VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION OF
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PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. PART 1150, SUBPART D**

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Channel Pacific Railroad (“CHPR”), a non-carrier, files the present notice of exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1150 subpart D (the “Notice”) for purposes of initiating railroad common carrier service over certain railroad track (the “Track”) located in the City of West Sacramento, Yolo County, California. The Track is (currently) unregulated private industrial track owned by a corporate affiliate, Greencycle Properties, LLC (“Greencycle”), also a non-carrier (and one that will remain a non-carrier upon effectuation of the transaction that is the subject of this proceeding).¹ CHPR and Greencycle are both controlled by Teichert Inc.

¹ Greencycle requires no authority to own the subject Track as a non-carrier where CHPR (a corporate subsidiary to Greencycle) seeks authorization to operate the Track in common carrier service. *See, e.g., Merced County Central Valley Railroad, LLC – Lease and Operation Exemption – Track in Merced County, Cal.*, FD 36589 (STB served June 10, 2022); *Charlotte Western Railroad, LLC – Change in Operator Exemption – Piedmont & Northern Railroad, LLC*, FD 36592 (STB served Mar. 16, 2022); *Verdigris Southern Railroad, L.L.C. – Lease and Operation Exemption – Track in Rogers County, Okla.*, FD 36571 (STB served Jan. 21, 2022).

(“Teichert”), also a non-carrier.² Based on projected revenues, CHPR expects to be a Class III rail carrier.³

Per 49 C.F.R. § 1150.33, CHPR submits the following information:

Name and Address of Applicant: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.33(a)

Channel Pacific Railroad
3961 Channel Drive
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Applicant’s Representative: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.33(b)

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Statement Concerning Agreement: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.33(c)

Greencycle (the owner of the Track) and CHPR have reached an agreement pursuant to which CHPR will – (1) acquire the right to conduct railroad common carrier service over the Track; and (2) assume responsibility for the provision of associated commodity-handling and transloading services within the terminal complex owned by Greencycle. Under the arrangement, CHPR will offer comprehensive, railroad-oriented transportation services within the subject facility,

² There are no existing railroad common carriers within the Teichert corporate family, hence there is no contemporaneously filed continuance in control notice of exemption accompanying the present class exemption filing.

³ *Indexing the Annual Operating Revenues of Railroads*, EP 748 (STB served Jun. 24, 2025).

including, among other things, the inbound and outbound transportation of railroad-borne shipments.

Operation of the Property: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.33(d)

CHPR will offer common carrier service over the Track (and associated transload and storage services within the railroad-served terminal facility) on or after the effective date of this exemption. These services will constitute the entirety of CHPR's common carrier railroad operations, and, as such, the Board has jurisdiction over the proposed operations under *Effingham Railroad Company – Petition for Declaratory Order – Construction at Effingham, Ill.*, 2 STB 606, 607 (1997); and *Effingham Railroad Company – Operation Exemption – Line Owned by Agracel*, FD 33468 (STB served Sep. 24, 1997), 1 *aff'd United Transp. Union v. United States*, 183 F.3d 606, 614 (7th Cir. 1999).

Summary of the Transaction: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.33(e)

The Track begins at a point of connection with a railroad line owned by Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") at the northern boundary of the Greencycle-owned facility immediately south of Channel Drive and extends southward to ending points immediately to the north of the Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel. The Track consists of two of three facility tracks – Track 1 and Track 2 as designated on the attached map – which will serve as CHPR's lines of railroad – a combined total of approximately 2,132 linear feet of track, excluding Track 3. Track 3 will be classified as spur track pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10906.

As part of the proposed transaction, CHPR has communicated its short line operations plans with UP, and UP has indicated that it is willing to coordinate with CHPR on its common carrier implementation and subsequent operating plans.

Map: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.33(f)

Attached as Exhibit A is a map showing the Track and the surrounding area.

Certificate of Compliance: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.33(g)

A Certificate of Compliance with 49 C.F.R. § 1150.33(g) is attached. See Certification and Verification.

Interchange Commitment: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.33(h)

CHPR is not contractually limited in its ability to interchange traffic with any third-party connecting carrier. See Certification and Verification.

Advance Notice: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.32(e)

CHPR anticipates its annual operating revenue may exceed \$5 million. Yet as there are no common carrier operations on the Track, there are no “rail freight employees” to whom CHPR could supply notice, and no such notice would be

required here.⁴ CHPR would not displace any Greencycle employees in any event in assuming operations over the Track.

Environmental and Historic Preservation Data: 49 C.F.R. § 1105

The proposed transaction is exempt from environmental reporting requirements under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.6(c)(1)(i). CHPR's proposed common carrier operations will not exceed the thresholds set forth at 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(4) or (5).

The proposed operation of the Track also is exempt from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(b)(1). CHPR intends to assume common carrier operation over trackage that previously had been used as part of private rail switching.

Caption Summary: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.34

Attached as Exhibit B is the prescribed caption summary.

⁴ See *Acquisition of Rail Lines under 49 U.S.C. 10901 and 10902 – Advance Notice of Proposed Transactions*, 2 STB 592, 602 (1997) (the purpose of the regulation is to benefit “rail freight employees”); and see, e.g., *Wheeling; R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Memphis Line – Operation Exemption – Line in Montgomery and Stewart Counties, TN*, FD 33841 (STB served Jan. 18, 2000).

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ *R. A. Wimbish*

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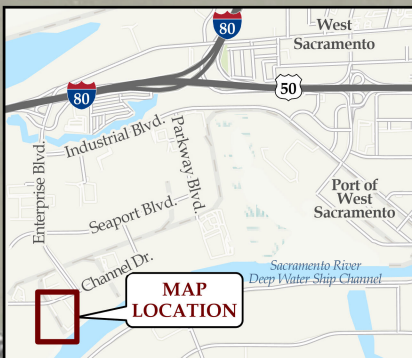
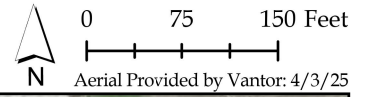
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EXHIBIT A

MAP

Exhibit A- Channel Pacific Railroad Track
3961 Channel Dr. West Sacramento, California 95691



Disclaimer: The data was mapped for assessment purposes only. No liability is assumed for the accuracy of the data shown.

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EXHIBIT B

FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE

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CHPR expects to begin common carrier operations over the Track on or after June 11, 2026.

Comments must be filed with the Board and served on:

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This Notice is filed under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.31. If this 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.

Dated: May __, 2026
By the Board

CERTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION

I, Dan Campbell, being duly sworn, hereby certify and verify, under penalty of perjury, as follows:

1. I am Vice President of Channel Pacific Railroad (“CHPR”), and I am duly authorized to make this certification and verification on behalf of CHPR;

2. I certify that CHPR’s expected annual operating revenues as a result of the present transaction may exceed \$5 million, and that CHPR will qualify to be a Class III railroad common carrier pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 1201, General Instruction 1-1(a);

3. I certify that the agreement controlling the proposed transaction contains no restrictions on CHPR’s ability to interchange with third-party connecting railroads; and

4. I hereby verify that I have read the foregoing notice of exemption, know the contents thereof, and that the same are true and correct as stated to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

By: /s/ *Dan Campbell*
Dan Campbell

Dated: May 12, 2026