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Chief of Case Administration
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, D.C. 20423

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Re: East Ohio Valley Railway LLC – Operation Exemption – Long
Ridge Railroad Company, LLC FD 36931

Dear Chief of Case Administration:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1150.41, East Ohio Valley Railway LLC, a Class III carrier, hereby files this Notice of Exemption to continue its operations over an approximately 12.2-mile freight rail line in Ohio upon its sale of the rail line. Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1002.2(f)(14)(ii), a filing fee of \$2,500 has been electronically paid via Pay.Gov. If there are any questions about this matter, please contact me directly, either by telephone: 202-663-7823 or by e-mail at wmullins@mullinslawgroup.net. If I am unavailable, you may contact Rose-Michele Nardi at 202-363-7852 or at rnardi@mullinslawgroup.net.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ William A. Mullins

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Counsel for East Ohio Valley Railway LLC

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FINANCE DOCKET NO. 36931

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— OPERATION EXEMPTION —
LONG RIDGE RAILROAD COMPANY, LLC**

**VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41**

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Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41, East Ohio Valley Railway LLC (“EOVR”), a Class III common carrier, submits this Verified Notice of Exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 10902 for its continued operation of a 12.2- mile freight rail line between milepost 60.5 near Powhatan Point, Ohio and milepost 72.7 near Hannibal, Ohio (the “Subject Line”) upon the sale of the Subject Line from EOVR to Long Ridge Railroad Company, LLC (“LRRR”).¹

The Subject Line is currently owned and operated by the EOVR, which became a Class III carrier in 2023 when it acquired the Line.² This transaction is related to FD 36929 where LRRR, currently a non-carrier, has filed a related notice of exemption to acquire the Subject Line and become a new Class III railroad company upon authorization. Assuming LRRR’s notice of exemption becomes effective and LRRR acquires the Subject Line from EOVR, LRRR desires EOVR to continue to operate the Subject Line pursuant to an operating agreement. Allowing the

¹ The Subject Line has also been referred to as the Omal Line in STB proceedings. *See, e.g., Ohio River Partners LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Hannibal Development, LLC*, Docket No. FD 35984 (STB served Nov. 13, 2017).

² *See East Ohio Valley Railway LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Ohio River Partners Shareholder LLC*, Docket No. FD 36682 (STB served March 31, 2023).

verified notices of exemption to become effective at the same time allows there to be a seamless transition in ownership with no change in operations and would be consistent with prior transactions considered by the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”).³

SPECIFIC INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE REGULATIONS

49 C.F.R. § 1150.43 specifies certain information that must be included in a Verified Notice of Exemption filed pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41. The required information is provided below, preceded by the subsection of the Board’s regulations to which it is responsive.

1150.43(a): *The full name and address of the applicant.*

East Ohio Valley Railway LLC
385 E Waterfront Drive, Suite 101
Homestead, PA 15120

1150.43(b): *The name, address, and telephone number of the representative who should receive correspondence.*

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1150.43(c): *A statement that an agreement has been reached or details about when an Agreement will be reached.*

EOVR and LRRR’s parent company acting for and on behalf of LRRR have entered into a Term Sheet that provides EOVR with the right to continue operating the Subject Line upon LRRR’s acquisition of the Subject Line. EOVR and LRRR intend to enter into a full railroad operating agreement (“Agreement”) implementing the Term Sheet. The Agreement will be consummated

³ See, e.g., *Reading Blue Mountain & Northern R.R. Co.—Acquisition Exemption—Carbon County, Pa.*, Docket No. FD 36515 (STB served May 28, 2021) (Acquisition exemption where an existing operator continued to operate the line).

contemporaneously with the closing of the asset purchase agreement (“APA”) by which EOVR will convey the Subject Line to LRRR.

1150.43(d): *The operator of the property.*

EOVR is the current operator of the Subject Line. If LRRR’s acquisition becomes effective and LRRR consummates the acquisition, upon the effective date of this Notice, EOVR will continue to operate the Subject Line upon LRRR’s acquisition.

1150.43(e): *A brief summary of the proposed transaction, including the information provided in the subsections below:*

The Subject Line is currently owned and operated by the EOVR, which became a Class III carrier in 2023 when it acquired the Line. This transaction is related to FD 36929 where LRRR has filed a related notice of exemption to acquire the Subject Line and become a new Class III railroad company upon the effective date of that notice. EOVR and LRRR’s parent company acting for and on behalf of LRRR have entered into a Term Sheet that provides that upon consummation of the sale of the Subject Line to LRRR, LRRR and EOVR will enter into the Agreement by which EOVR will provide exclusive rail operations over the Subject Line.

1150.43(e)(1): *The name and address of the railroad transferring the subject property.*

Long Ridge Railroad Company, LLC
1010 South Federal Highway, Suite 2700
Hallandale Beach, FL 33009

1150.43(e)(2): *The proposed time schedule for consummation of the transaction.*

The parties intend to consummate the proposed Agreement as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Verified Notice of Exemption and the satisfaction of all other conditions precedent to closing set forth in the Agreement and APA.

1150.43(e)(3): *The mileposts of the subject property, including any branch lines.*

The Subject Line extends between Milepost 60.5 near Powhatan Point, Ohio and Milepost 72.7 near Hannibal, Ohio.

1150.43(e)(4): *The total route miles being acquired.*

The Subject Line consists of 12.2 route miles.

1150.43(f): *A map that clearly indicates the area to be served, including origins, termini, stations, cities, counties, and States*

A map of the Subject Line is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

1150.43(g): *A certificate that applicant's projected revenues will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier.*

The required certificate is attached, along with the verification for this notice of exemption, as Exhibit B.

1150.43(h): *Interchange Commitments*

EOVR certifies that the proposed operations subject to this Notice of Exemption do not involve a provision or agreement that may limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

PROJECTED ANNUAL REVENUE AND LABOR PROTECTION

Based upon EOVR's current revenues and consultations with LRRR, the projected annual rail revenue of EOVR after LRRR's acquisition will not exceed \$5 million. Accordingly, the advance notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. 1150.42(e) are not applicable to the transaction. Nor is any labor protection applicable to a Class III transaction. *See* 49 U.S.C. 10902(d).

ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION (49 C.F.R. § 1105)

Under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.6(c)(1), the proposed transaction is exempt from environmental reporting requirements because it will not exceed the thresholds in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(4) or (5).

Specifically, the transaction that is the subject of this Notice of Exemption will not cause a diversion of: (1) more than 1,000 rail carloads a year to motor carriage; or (2) an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the Subject Line to motor carriage. The transaction also will not result in: (1) an increase in rail traffic of at least 100 percent (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of the Subject Line; (2) an increase of rail yard activities of at least 100 percent (measured by carload activity); or (3) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day. In addition, this transaction will not exceed the thresholds of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(5)(ii).

The proposed transaction is also exempt from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 C.F.R. 1105.8(b)(1). Upon any discontinuance of service by EOV, further STB approval will be required to abandon any service. Furthermore, there are no plans to dispose of or alter properties subject to STB jurisdiction that are 50 years old or older.

CAPTION SUMMARY (49 C.F.R. § 1150.44)

A caption summary in appropriate form is attached as Exhibit C to this notice.

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For the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully requests that the Board publish the requisite Notice of Exemption.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ William A. Mullins

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EXHIBIT A

MAP

MAP OF THE SUBJECT LINE



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EXHIBIT B
CLASS III CERTIFICATE AND VERIFICATION

CERTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION

I, Matthew J. Fearing, verify under penalty of perjury that I am the Corporate Secretary of East Ohio Valley Railway LLC (“EOVR”) and am authorized to execute, verify and file this Verified Notice of Exemption. I have knowledge of the matters contained herein, and the statements made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

I hereby certify under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(g) that EOVR’s projected revenues from the operation proposed in this matter will not exceed those that would qualify EOVR as a Class III rail carrier.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. J. Fearing', is positioned above a horizontal line.

Matthew J. Fearing
Corporate Secretary

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Comments about this transaction must be filed with the Board and served on the representative for EOVR, William A. Mullins, Mullins Law Group PLLC, 2001 L Street N.W., #720, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 663-7823, wmullins@mullinslawgroup.net.

This Notice is filed under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41. 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.

Date: _____, 2026

By the Board