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Re: Docket No. FD 36961
Bogalusa Central Railroad LLC - Acquisition and Operation
Exemption - Rail Lines of Illinois Central Railroad Company

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.32(e), Bogalusa Central Railroad LLC (“BCR”) hereby certifies that on October 5, 2026 the attached Notice was posted at the following workplaces of employees of Illinois Central Railroad Company (“IC”) on the rail line in Mississippi and Louisiana (the “Bogalusa Line”) that is the subject of the above-captioned exemption proceeding:

Bogalusa Yard Office
1300 Railroad Avenue
Bogalusa, LA 70427

Ferguson Yard Office
129 G P Road
Silver Creek, MS 39663

Brookhaven Yard Office
650 North Railroad Avenue
Brookhaven, MS 39601

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805 W.L. Behan Road
Brookhaven, MS 39601

BCR also certifies that on October 5, 2026, the attached Notice was served by first class mail, postage prepaid, on the national offices of the labor unions representing IC employees on the Bogalusa Line, at the following addresses:

Mr. Mark L. Wallace
National President
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen, IBT
7061 East Pleasant Valley Road
Independence, OH 44131

Mr. Jeremy R. Ferguson
President, Transportation Division
International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail
and Transportation Workers
6060 Rockside Woods Boulevard, N., Suite 325
Independence, OH 44131

Mr. Tony D. Cardwell
President
Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, IBT
41475 Gardenbrook Road
Novi, MI 48375-1328

Mr. Michael S. Baldwin
President
Brotherhood of Railroad Signalman
917 Shenandoah Shores Road
Front Royal, VA 22630

Mr. Donald E. Grissom
General President
Brotherhood of Railway Carmen Division, TCU/IAM
3 Research Place
Rockville, MD 20850

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

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NOTICE

Pursuant to regulations of the Surface Transportation Board (“STB”) at 49 C.F.R. § 1150.32(e), Bogalusa Central Railroad LLC (“BCR”), currently a non-carrier, hereby gives notice to employees of Illinois Central Railroad Company (“IC”) that on or after December 4, 2026, BCR intends to acquire and thereafter operate IC’s rail lines in Louisiana and Mississippi between (1) Milepost 68.85 at Lees Creek, Louisiana and Milepost 137.6 at Wanilla, Mississippi (Bogalusa Subdivision); (2) Milepost 57.1 at Ferguson, Mississippi and Milepost 82.57 at Brookhaven, Mississippi (Central Subdivision); and (3) Milepost 781.07 to Milepost 782.33 at Brookhaven, Mississippi (Track BH02 of the McComb Subdivision), a total distance of approximately 95.5 route miles (the “Bogalusa Line”).

A notice of exemption to authorize the proposed transaction will be filed with the STB on or shortly before November 4, 2026 in Docket No. FD 36961. At the same time, Patriot Rail Company LLC and various of its affiliates will file in Docket No. FD 36962 a notice of exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of BCR once the proposed transaction is consummated and BCR becomes a rail carrier.

As a result of the proposed transaction, BCR expects to have employment opportunities in the following locations and fields, and with the required skills and/or qualifications identified below:

Operations Manager:

1 position located in Silver Creek, MS. This position requires the following minimum skills and qualifications:

- Responsible for the safety, service performance, operating practices, and financial performance of railroad operations.
- Ensures compliance with safety, environmental, and company policies and procedures.
- Leads execution of railroad operations to meet or exceed budget and other financial goals.
- Directs planning and budget development to support the strategic business goals of the company.
- Selects, trains, manages, and coaches employees; promotes company core values and policies.
- Builds and maintains positive relationships with customers and interchange partners.
- Minimum of 5 to 8 years of work experience in the railroad industry with supervisory duties.

- Current or prior railroad Conductor certification required; Railroad Engineer certification preferred.
- Knowledge and understanding of FRA regulations and current/prior railroad budget management experience required.

Trainmaster:

Approximately 1 position located in Silver Creek, MS. This position requires the following minimum skills and qualifications:

- Supervises and coordinates the activities of train crews to ensure the safe and efficient movement of trains and switching of railcars.
- Ensures daily train lists and crew reporting are accurate, complete, and timely.
- Initiates and provides accurate, complete, and timely investigation of accidents and incidents, including causes and recommended corrective action.
- Understands car hire and demurrage, and the quantitative factors affecting railroad financial performance.
- Minimum of 3 years of prior experience in trainmen functions.
- Must hold, and continue to hold, a current locomotive engineer's and conductor's certification.
- Knowledge of and skill in applying basic federal railroad regulations, guidelines, and rules.

Roadmaster:

Approximately 1 position located in Silver Creek, MS. This position requires the following minimum skills and qualifications:

- Schedules and supervises crews who maintain and install ties and rail, and inspects repairs upon completion.
- Ensures track meets FRA safety standards and coordinates with the FRA regularly regarding track conditions.
- Manages the bid process and supervises external contractors through project completion.
- Coordinates with Dispatch and state and local agencies to schedule railroad crossing rebuilds and/or track shut-downs.
- Performs accident investigations to ensure a safe environment and prevent reoccurrence.
- Minimum of 5 years of track-related experience required; previous supervisory experience in railroad operations helpful.
- FRA 213 (track standards) and FRA 214 (safety) qualification preferred.

Conductor:

Approximately 6 positions located in Silver Creek, MS. These positions require the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

- Responsible for the safe and efficient movement of trains, coordination of train crews, and handling of freight operations.
- Ensures compliance with FRA regulations, company rules, and safety standards.

- Oversees train movements, including coupling/uncoupling cars and switching operations, and inspects railcars and equipment prior to departure.
- Communicates effectively with engineers, dispatchers, yard personnel, and customers.
- High School Diploma or GED and a valid Driver's License required.
- Previous rail or outdoor labor experience preferred; ability to work on-call and varying schedules.

Locomotive Engineer:

Approximately 3 positions located in Silver Creek, MS. These positions require the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

- Responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the locomotive, including manipulation of throttle and brake controls and interpreting gauges.
- Applies and releases handbrakes, couples cars, and services the locomotive (brake shoes, oil, sand, and fuel).
- Must comply with all federal regulations and railroad instructions regarding train and air brake operation.
- Verifiable High School diploma/GED, 18 years of age or older, and a valid Driver's License required.
- Minimum of 2 years of verifiable work experience and/or college; railroad industry experience strongly preferred.
- No driving violations involving alcohol or drugs within the past 3 years.

Locomotive Mechanic:

Approximately 1 position located in Silver Creek, MS. This position requires the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

- Inspects, services, and maintains diesel locomotives in accordance with federal and company regulations.
- Diagnoses diesel engine malfunctions and makes repairs using hand tools, measuring instruments, and machine tools.
- Performs daily (24-hour) locomotive inspections, including air brake cleaning and testing, per FRA regulations.
- Performs periodic service, including oil changes, turbo inspection, fueling, filter changes, and electrical testing and repair.
- Replaces locomotive and diesel engine components, including wheels, trucks, traction motors, and coupling assemblies.
- Must be knowledgeable in the handling of hazardous and non-hazardous waste products.
- Must be able to lift and carry 50 pounds for an extended duration; may be required to qualify as a shop service locomotive engineer per FRA standards.
- Valid Driver's License required, CDL preferred; regional travel required.

Track Inspector:

Approximately 1 position located in Silver Creek, MS. This position requires the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

- Inspects railroad track structure for compliance with railroad policy and federal/state regulations; detects deviations from regulations.
- Implements remedial action on defects pending repair; repairs or directs crews to repair or replace track structure defects.
- Oversees/directs production gang work.
- Inspects completed work to verify conformance to government regulations; prepares inspection reports for management and government compliance.
- Performs special inspections of the track structure during severe weather or other events that may damage the railroad.
- Demonstrated knowledge of FRA Track Safety Standards and Roadway Worker Protection rules.
- 18 years of age or older; High School Diploma or GED required; 1 to 3 years of related work experience.
- Valid Driver's License required; willing to obtain a Commercial Driver's License if necessary.

Track Foreman:

Approximately 1 position located in Silver Creek, MS. This position requires the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

- Works with the MOW crew performing varying maintenance activities; supervises track gangs, track inspectors, and hi-rail operations.
- Operate equipment as necessary.
- Manages engineering operations, including compliance with safe work procedures, FRA guidelines, and company policies.
- Leads people with clear direction and goals, providing coaching and guidance through regular monitoring of employee performance.
- Manages budgets and workforce productivity within policy.
- Verifiable High School diploma/GED, 18 years of age or older, and a valid Driver's License required.
- At least 5 years of combined experience as a Track Foreman supervising maintenance gangs.
- Must be Roadway Worker Protection (RWP) Qualified, FRA CFR 213 Qualified, and Continuous Welded Rail (CWR) Trained and Qualified.
- No driving violations involving alcohol or drugs within the past 3 years.

Track Laborer:

Approximately 1 position located in Silver Creek, MS. This position requires the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

- Responsible for inspection, maintenance, and repair of railroad track and associated equipment, including checking for broken rails, defective switches, and track obstructions.
- Perform tasks associated with track work, including pulling and driving spikes, replacing ties, surfacing track, and changing rail.
- Must be willing to learn and apply FRA Track Safety Standards, GCOR, and RWP regulations, and perform maintenance in a safe and timely manner.

- Operates hand and power tools associated with track maintenance, including drills, impact wrenches, and grinders.
- Minimum of three years of prior work experience involving manual labor or mechanical work.
- Valid Driver's License required, CDL preferred; High School Diploma or equivalent.
- Must be able to perform duties requiring heavy lifting up to 50 pounds regularly and 75 pounds occasionally.

The positions listed in this notice will be expected to have the on-duty points outlined in this notice but may perform work on other areas of BCR as applicable. The most qualified candidates will be selected from the available pool of applicants without regard to race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability or veteran status. The selection criteria will be job-related skills and attributes as outlined above. Successful candidates must have a stable work record and exhibit safe work practices. The ability to work in a team environment with a focus on customer service is critical. Applicants must be able to read and comprehend regulations and instructions in English, as well as possess good oral communication skills. Successful applicants will be required to pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol screen and complete a medical questionnaire. Every Team Member is an at-will employee, except as otherwise provided by agreement. All Team Members are expected to know and abide by the standard code of Team Member Conduct. Employees desiring further information regarding the transaction may contact Jerry Coleman, Regional Operations Manager of BCR, at 318-423-5725.

October 5, 2026