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VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION OF BOGALUSA CENTRAL RAILROAD LLC PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. PART 1150, SUBPART D

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Bogalusa Central Railroad LLC ("BCR"), a non-carrier, files this verified notice of exemption (the "Notice") under 49 C.F.R. part 1150, subpart D, for authorization to acquire from Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") approximately 95.5 miles of rail line between Bogalusa, Louisiana and Brookhaven, Mississippi (the "Bogalusa Line"). Upon BCR's acquisition of the Bogalusa Line pursuant to the Notice, BCR would become a Class III rail carrier. IC will continue to operate the Bogalusa Line for a temporary interim period, and BCR will file a subsequent change in operators notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. 1150.41(c) to assume operation of the line from IC.

Concurrent with this Notice, entities that control BCR—Patriot Rail Company LLC and its indirect and direct parents[1]—are submitting a notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of BCR upon BCR's acquisition of the Bogalusa Line pursuant to this Notice.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.33, BCR submits the following information:

[1] *Patriot Rail et al.—Continuance in Control Exemption— Bogalusa Central Railroad LLC*, FD 36962 (STB filed November 5, 2026, at n.1.

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

The full name and address of the applicant is:

Bogalusa Central Railroad LLC
10752 Deerwood Park Blvd., Suite 300
Jacksonville, FL 32256

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

BCR's representative to whom correspondence regarding this transaction should be sent is:

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

BCR and IC have entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement and a Handling Carrier Agreement pursuant to which BCR will acquire the Bogalusa Line. The parties have also entered into a Transition Services Agreement ("TSA") pursuant to which IC will continue to operate the Bogalusa Line for a temporary interim period.

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

Pursuant to the TSA between the parties, upon BCR's acquisition of the Bogalusa Line IC will temporarily continue to operate and provide service to customers on the Bogalusa Line during a short interim period of transition anticipated to be no longer than 60 days. This period will allow BCR to hire and train sufficient personnel to ensure adequate and uninterrupted service to customers. Upon expiration or earlier termination of the TSA, and pursuant to a notice of

exemption to be filed by BCR pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41(c),[2] BCR will assume such operations from IC.

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

IC is an indirect rail carrier subsidiary of Canadian National Railway Company ("CNR").[3] The Bogalusa Line comprises IC's Central Subdivision and Bogalusa Subdivision rail lines in Louisiana and Mississippi and extends a total distance of approximately 95.5 miles 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 BN02 of IC's McComb Subdivision). Pursuant to the agreements executed by BCR and IC, BCR will acquire the Bogalusa Line from IC. IC will continue to operate and provide service on the Bogalusa Line for an interim period of time until BCR assumes those operations pursuant to the change in operators notice of exemption to be filed in Docket No. FD 36961 (Sub-No. 1).

The complete name and address of the owner of the Bogalusa Line is as follows:

Illinois Central Railroad Company
17641 South Ashland Avenue
Homewood, Illinois 60430

BCR intends to consummate the acquisition of the Bogalusa Line on or shortly after the effective date of this Notice, and prior to the end of 2026. As indicated above, BCR will commence operations on the line a short period later.

[2] The notice will be filed in Docket No. FD 36961 (Sub-No. 1), *Bogalusa Central Railroad LLC – Change in Operators Exemption – Illinois Central Railroad Company*.
[3] CNR's U.S. rail carrier subsidiaries, including IC, are held directly or indirectly by Grand Trunk Corporation ("GTC"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of CNR, and report to the Board on a consolidated Class I basis under the GTC name.

Map: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.33(f)

A map showing the Bogalusa Line and the surrounding area is attached as Exhibit A.

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

BCR certifies that its projected revenues will not result in it becoming a Class I or II carrier under *Indexing the Annual Operating Revenues of Railroads*, EP 748 (STB served June 26, 2026). See the Certification and Verification attached.

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

BCR certifies that the Asset Purchase Agreement and Handling Carrier Agreement with IC do not have an interchange commitment. See the Certification and Verification attached.

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

BCR certifies that its projected annual revenues are expected to exceed $5 million. As such, it has complied with the advance notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1150.32(e). See the Certification and Verification attached.

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

The proposed transaction will not result in changes that exceed the thresholds established in 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7(e)(4) or (5). Accordingly, BCR's proposed acquisition of the Bogalusa Line is exempt from environmental reporting requirements under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.6(c)(1)(i).

The proposed transaction is for the purpose of BCR acquiring the Bogalusa Line from IC for continued operation. Further Surface Transportation Board approval would be required to abandon any rail line, and there are no plans to dispose of or alter properties subject to Board jurisdiction that are fifty years old or older. Thus, under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(b)(1), BCR's acquisition of the Bogalusa Line also is exempt from historic preservation reporting requirements.

Caption Summary: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.34

A caption summary is attached as Exhibit B.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ *Paul Hawkins*

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EXHIBIT A
MAP

Central sub: East/West in red
Bogalusa sub: North/South in red
CN mainline: North/South in turquoise

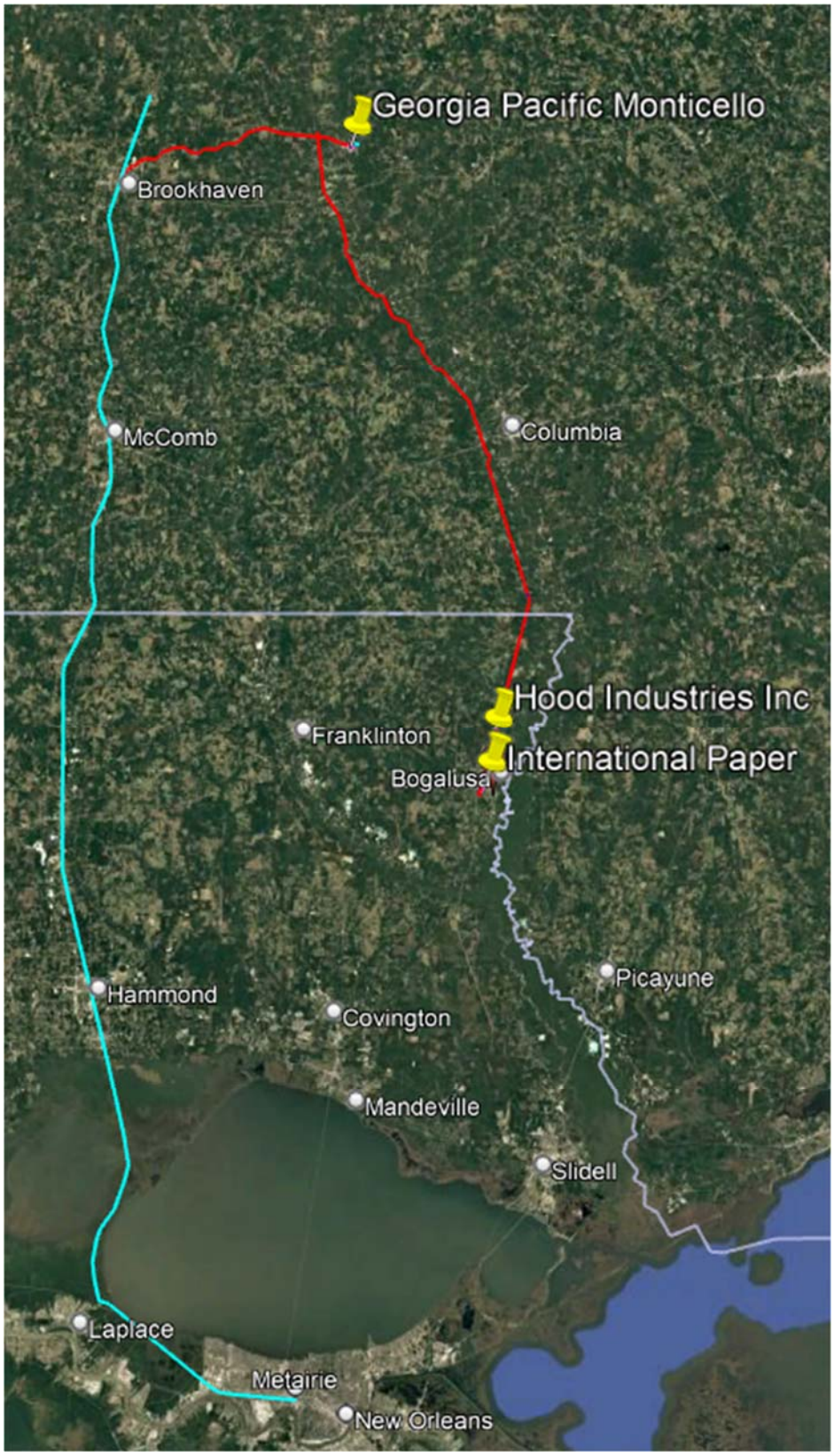

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EXHIBIT B

DRAFT CAPTION SUMMARY/FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE

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Bogalusa Central Railroad LLC ("BCR"), a non-carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption to acquire from Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") approximately 95.5 miles of rail line (the "Bogalusa Line") located in various counties in the States of Louisiana and Mississippi and extending between (1) Milepost 68.85 at Lees Creek, Louisiana and Milepost 137.6 at Wanilla, Mississippi (IC's Bogalusa Subdivision); (2) Milepost 57.1 at Ferguson, Mississippi and Milepost 82.57 at Brookhaven, Mississippi (IC's Central Subdivision); and (3) Milepost 781.07 to Milepost 782.33 at Brookhaven, Mississippi (Track BN02 of IC's McComb Subdivision).

Patriot Rail Company and its direct and indirect parents have concurrently filed a notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1180.2(d)(2) in *Patriot Rail Company, et al. – Continuance in Control Exemption – Bogalusa Central Railroad LLC*, FD 36962 to continue in control of BCR upon BCR's acquisition of the Bogalusa Line.

BCR expects to consummate the subject acquisition transaction on or after December 7, 2026, the effective date of the present exemption and prior to the end of 2026. IC will continue to operate the Bogalusa Line for a temporary interim period thereafter, and BCR will subsequently

commence operations on the line pursuant to a change in operators notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41(c) to be filed by BCR in Docket No. FD 36961 (Sub-No. 1), *Bogalusa Central Railroad LLC – Change in Operators Exemption – Illinois Central Railroad Company*. .

Comments must be filed with the Board and served on BCR's representative:

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

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CERTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION

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I, Bradley S. Gordon, Esq., certify and verify under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am the Chief Legal Officer of Patriot Rail Company LLC ("Patriot"), the parent company of Bogalusa Central Railroad LLC ("BCR"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Patriot.
2. The projected annual rail revenues of BCR are expected to exceed $5 million but will not result in BCR becoming Class I or II rail carrier under the thresholds set forth at 49 C.F.R.§ 1201(1-1).
3. BCR will not be subject to any interchange commitments under the terms of the proposed transaction.
4. I have read the above notice of exemption and verify that the facts stated here are true to the best of my knowledge.
5. I am qualified and authorized to make the foregoing certifications and verifications on behalf of BCR.

Name: Bradley S. Gordon, Esq.

Title: Chief Legal Officer

Dated: November 5, 2026