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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1034
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Re: **Docket No. FD 36149**
New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Corporation --
Acquisition and Operation Exemption -- Public Belt
Railroad Commission of the City of New Orleans

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.32(e), New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Corporation ("NOPB Corp.") hereby certifies that on October 13, 2017, the attached Notice was posted at the following workplaces of employees of the Public Belt Railroad Commission of the City of New Orleans ("Public Belt"):

4822 Tchoupitoulas Street
New Orleans, LA 70115

940 Central Avenue
Jefferson, LA 70121

5403 Coffee Drive
New Orleans, LA 70115

4545 North Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70117

NOPB Corp. also certifies that on October 13, 2017, the attached Notice was served by first class mail, postage prepaid, on the national offices of the labor unions representing Public Belt employees, at the following addresses:

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Mr. John Previsich
President, Transportation Division
International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail &
Transportation Workers
24950 Country Club Road, Suite 340
North Olmsted, OH 44070-5333

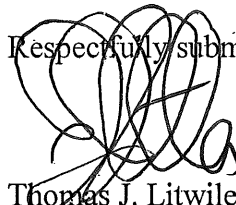
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Transportation • Communications Union/IAM
3 Research Place
Rockville, MD 20850-3279

Mr. Freddie N. Simpson
President
Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division, IBT
41475 Gardenbrook Road
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Mr. Robert G. Martinez, Jr.
International President
International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers
9000 Machinists Place
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

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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Attorney for New Orleans Public Belt
Railroad Corporation

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Attachment

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC BELT RAILROAD CORPORATION
4822 Tchoupitoulas Street
New Orleans, LA 70115

NOTICE

New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Corporation ("NOPB Corp."), a public nonprofit corporation and a non-carrier subsidiary of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans ("Port"), hereby provides notice to the employees of the Public Belt Railroad Commission of the City of New Orleans ("Public Belt") that NOPB Corp. intends to acquire and operate the railroad operating assets of the Public Belt, including all of its owned and/or operated rail lines, trackage rights and ancillary tracks. Upon completion of the transaction, NOPB Corp. will be a Class III switching and terminal railroad and will continue to provide neutral local and intermediate switching service to shippers and six connecting Class I railroads in the New Orleans area in place of the Public Belt. This notice is provided pursuant to the regulations of the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") at 49 C.F.R. § 1150.32(e).

All active Public Belt employees will automatically be offered employment with NOPB Corp. in like positions and on substantially similar terms and conditions as their current employment, consistent with current collective bargaining agreements. No employment application is required. NOPB Corp. will not discriminate in hiring or employment based on race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or genetic information.

All work responsibilities and job functions currently performed by or under the direction of the Public Belt will remain with NOPB Corp. and will not be assumed or performed by the Port. No current positions on the Public Belt will be eliminated because of the proposed

transaction. Future employment levels on NOPB Corp. may be affected by traffic, market and other conditions. All work responsibilities and job functions currently performed by or under the direction of the Port will remain with the Port and will not be assumed or performed by NOPB Corp.

NOPB Corp.'s acquisition of the Public Belt railroad assets will be undertaken in accordance with Louisiana state law, including La. R.S. 33:4531 and the requirement to "recognize and maintain the rights of the employees of the public belt railroad system under existing labor contracts and applicable law." A notice of exemption to authorize the proposed acquisition and operation transaction will be filed with the STB on or shortly after November 13, 2017 in Docket No. FD 36149.

Any Public Belt employee who would like more information about the transaction, or who wishes to opt out of employment with NOPB Corp., may contact:

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