Pursuant to 49 CFR 582.4, all automobile dealers are required to make booklets that include this comparative information, as well as certain mandatory explanatory text that is set out in section 582.5, available to prospective purchasers. Early each year, NHTSA produces a new version of this booklet to update the Highway Loss Data Institute’s (HLIDI) December Insurance Collision Report.

NHTSA is mailing a copy of the 2012 booklet to each dealer that the Department of Energy uses to distribute the “Gas Mileage Guide.” Dealers will have the responsibility of reproducing a sufficient number of copies of the booklet to assure that they are available for retention by prospective purchasers by March 26, 2012. Dealers who do not receive a copy of the booklet within 15 days of the date of this notice should contact Ms. Ballard of NHTSA’s Office of International Policy, Fuel Economy, and Consumer Programs (202) 366–5222 to receive a copy of the booklet and to be added to the mailing list. Dealers may also obtain a copy of the booklet through the NHTSA Web page at: http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/. From there, click on the Vehicle Safety tab, then choose the Vehicle-Related Theft category, on that page, under the Additional Resources Panel, click on 2012 Comparison of Insurance Costs. (49 U.S.C. 32302; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50(f).)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35587]

Fannin Rural Rail Transportation District—Lease and Operation Exemption—Line of Texas Department of Transportation

Fannin Rural Rail Transportation District (FRRTD), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and to operate, a 34.78-mile rail line extending from milepost 94.0 in Paris to milepost 128.78 in Bonham, Tex. The line has been a part of Union Pacific Railroad Company’s (UP) Bonham Subdivision.

Through the Board’s offer of financial assistance process, FRRTD previously was authorized to acquire from UP, and to operate, a 33.5-mile portion of UP’s Bonham Subdivision extending between milepost 94.0, near Paris, and milepost 127.5, east of Bonham, in Lamar and Fannin Counties, Tex.1 After an agreement had been reached with UP for sale of the line but before consummating the transaction, FRRTD sold its interest in the rail line to TxDOT.2

FRRTD states that it leased the 33.5-mile portion of the line from TxDOT in 2006, apparently believing at the time that further Board authority was unnecessary. FRRTD has filed this notice to lease and operate the 1.28-mile portion of the line extending between milepost 127.5 and milepost 128.78 to be acquired from UP by TxDOT and to lease and operate the 33.5-mile portion extending between milepost 94.0 and milepost 127.5 that it already has leased from TxDOT. FRRTD has structured the filing to ensure that it possesses appropriate regulatory authority for the entire 34.78 miles of rail line.

Applicant states that Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc., d/b/a Texas Northeastern Railroad (TNER), will provide freight service over the 1.28-mile portion of the line pursuant to its previously authorized trackage rights 3 and that any future freight service on the currently dormant 33.5-mile portion will be provided by a third-party operator, subject to proper Board authorization. Applicant notes that FRRTD and TxDOT will possess a residual common carrier obligation on the 34.78-mile line and that FRRTD will provide tourist train operations on the line as well.

Applicant states that the proposed lease does not involve any provision or agreement that would limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or after March 9, 2012.

1 See Union Pac. R.R.—Aban. Exemption—in Lamar and Fannin Cnty’s, Tex., AB 33 [Sub-No. 163(X)] (STB served Aug. 19, 2003).
2 See State of Tex., acting by and through the Tex. Dept. of Transp.—Acquisition Exemption—Union Pac. R.R., FD 34834 (STB served Feb. 24, 2006), where TxDOT obtained Board authority for the acquisition of the 33.5-mile line from UP. In Texas Department of Transportation—Acquisition Exemption—Line of Union Pacific Railroad Company, FD 35493 (STB served June 24, 2011), TxDOT recently obtained Board authority to acquire from UP 1.28 miles of rail line on UP’s Bonham Subdivision extending between milepost 127.5 and milepost 128.78 in Fannin County Tex., which is the remaining portion of the rail line FRRTD is now seeking Board authority to lease and operate.

3 In Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc., d/b/a Texas Northeastern Railroad—Trackage Rights Exemption—Line of Texas Department of Transportation, FD 35494 (STB served June 24, 2011), TNER obtained Board authority for a grant of local trackage rights by TxDOT over the 1.28-mile line of railroad.

FRRTD certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed $5 million annually and will not result in it becoming a Class I or Class II rail carrier.

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 effectiveness of the exemption. Stay petitions must be filed no later than March 2, 2012 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35587, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Glenn M. Taylor, President, Fannin Rural Rail Transportation District, 514 Chestnut Street, Bonham, TX 75418.

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By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35593]

Cedar River Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad Company

Pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement,1 Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad Company (CCP) has agreed to grant nonexclusive overhead trackage rights to Cedar River Railroad Company (CEDR) over approximately 5.2 miles of rail line between the connection with CEDR at approximately milepost 281.0 at Mona Junction in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and CCP’s Waterloo Yard at approximately milepost 275.8 in Waterloo, Iowa.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is March 9, 2012, the