

TABLE 1.—ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES—Continued

Project site	49 CFR 192.611 requirements	Alternative activities
Louisiana #2 Line (45 miles)		
6. Liberty County, TX, Class 2 to 3, 4.4 miles, Milepost 23–28, Highest risk: corrosion, 3rd party damage.	Pipe replacement	Run both wall loss & geometry in-line inspection tools. Repair anomalies within 45 mile segment (at exemption site, use more stringent investigation and repair criteria than standard company practice). Close Interval Survey 45 miles. Hydrostatic test 14.4 miles. Enhanced damage prevention. Work w/local Emergency Mngmt. Depts.

As part of the company's risk evaluation, NGPL has compared the risk reduction produced by these alternatives to that achieved by the current regulations. OPS has reviewed this evaluation in detail and concluded that the alternative risk control activities can be expected to reduce safety and environmental risk below that which would be achieved by compliance with 49 CFR 192.611. Furthermore, because of the resources saved by not having to replace pipe in these five locations, NGPL is able to conduct internal inspections and pressure tests on additional portions of its system.

Based on the PRT's evaluation of the these alternatives, OPS intends to exempt NGPL from the pressure confirmation requirements of 49 CFR 192.611. In lieu of compliance with this requirement, NGPL will implement the Alternatives and, along with OPS, monitor their effectiveness.

6. Regulatory Perspective

Why Is OPS Considering This Project Modification?

OPS believes that the proposed risk control alternatives will improve protection for the environment and the communities in the vicinity of NGPL's pipelines. OPS believes NGPL's risk-based justification of the alternatives to the class change regulations is technically sound. OPS also believes that this modification to the NGPL demonstration project will help OPS further the overall goals of the Risk Management Demonstration Program. In particular, as a result of this modification there will be an increased sharing of information between the company and government about potential pipeline risks and activities to address those risks, as OPS reviews the results of the inspection and testing activities that are part of the Alternatives. This sharing will increase OPS's knowledge and awareness about

potential pipeline threats, and thereby support a more effective regulatory role in improving safety and environmental protection.

How Will OPS Oversee the Alternatives?

After approving the proposed modifications, the PRT will monitor the implementation and results of the Alternatives, as part of its continued monitoring of the Demonstration Project. The PRT is a more comprehensive oversight process that draws maximum technical experience and perspective from all affected OPS regional and headquarters offices, and from any affected state agencies that would not normally provide oversight on interstate transmission projects.

OPS retains its authority to enforce NGPL's compliance with the pipeline safety regulations. OPS plans to exempt compliance from 49 CFR 192.611 at those five segments where NGPL has demonstrated that its proposed risk alternatives should provide superior protection. Should the demonstration project performance measures or other information subsequently indicate that superior protection has not been achieved or is unlikely to continue to be achieved, then OPS can require NGPL to again comply with 49 CFR 192.611.

Information Provided to the Public

(1) NGPL "Application and Work Plan for DOT-OPS Risk Management Demonstration Program", available in Docket No. RSPA-98-3893 at the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-5046.

(2) Pipeline Safety: Intent to Approve and Environmental Assessment for the Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Project, [63 FR 46497, September 1, 1998].

(3) Pipeline Safety: Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America;

Approved for Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Program (includes Finding of No Significant Impact) [64 FR 1067, January 7, 1999].

(4) "Risk Management Demonstration Project Order," Reference No. RMD 98-4, December 31, 1998.

(5) Pipeline Safety: Remaining Candidates for the Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Program, [62 FR 53052, October 10, 1997].

This Notice is OPS's final request for public comment before OPS intends to approve the described modification of NGPL's Risk Management Demonstration Project.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 10, 2001.

Stacey L. Gerard,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34073]

Henry G. Hohorst, Bruce Hohorst, and Anthony M. Linn and The West Tennessee Railroad, LLC—Corporate Family Transaction Exemption

Henry G. Hohorst, Bruce Hohorst, and Anthony M. Linn, individuals (applicants), have filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of The West Tennessee Railroad, LLC (WTNN), a New Jersey limited liability company, upon its succeeding to the operating rights and responsibilities of West Tennessee Railroad Corp. (WTRC) and its leasing a line of railroad from Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR).

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after August 1, 2001.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 34039, *The West*

Tennessee Railroad, LLC—Lease and Operation Exemption—Norfolk Southern Railway Company, wherein WTNN seeks to lease and operate an approximately 140.1-mile line of railroad between Fulton, KY, and Corinth, MS, currently owned and operated by NSR.

Applicants own South Central Rail Group, Inc., which, in turn, owns WTRC¹ and a controlling interest in the Tennken Railroad Co. Applicants also own rail carriers SCTRR, LLC and IRW Railway, LLC.

This is a transaction within a corporate family that will not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or a change in the competitive balance with carriers outside the corporate family. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. *See* 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

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.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34073, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on John F. McHugh, McHugh & Barnes, P.C., 20 Exchange Place, New York, NY 10005.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34039]

The West Tennessee Railroad, LLC— Lease and Operation Exemption— Norfolk Southern Railway Company

The West Tennessee Railroad, LLC (WTNN), a New Jersey limited liability company, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease and operate, pursuant to an agreement entered into with Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR), approximately 140.1 miles of rail line. The subject line runs from milepost IC-406.1 at Fulton, KY, to milepost IC-525.0, one mile north of Ruslor Junction (Corinth), MS. The transaction includes the Bemis to Poplar Corner, TN branch line from milepost GW-0.0 to GW-15.0, the Jackson, TN connection track from milepost GH-0.0 to GH-2.2, and the Lawrence and Carroll, TN branch line from milepost MM-388.5 to MM-394.5, as well as all associated tracks and spurs. WTNN will also acquire trackage rights between milepost IC-525.0 and NSR's connection with The Kansas City Southern Railway Company at milepost IC-526.0 in Corinth.¹

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after August 1, 2001.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 34073, *Henry G. Hohorst, Bruce Hohorst, and Anthony M. Linn—Continuance in Control Exemption—The West Tennessee Railroad, LLC*, wherein Henry G. Hohorst, Bruce Hohorst, and Anthony M. Linn have concurrently filed a notice of exemption to continue in control of WTNN upon its succeeding to the interests of a predecessor entity, West Tennessee Railroad Corp., and its leasing and operating the subject line.

If this 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.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance

Docket No. 34039, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on John F. McHugh, McHugh & Barnes, P.C., 20 Exchange Place, New York, NY 10005.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

CUSTOMS SERVICE

[T.D. 01-56]

Customs Accreditation of Camin Cargo Incorporated as a Commercial Laboratory

AGENCY: Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of accreditation of Camin Cargo, Inc. of Linden, New Jersey as a commercial laboratory.

SUMMARY: Camin Cargo, Inc. of Linden, New Jersey, has applied to U.S. Customs under § 151.12 of the Customs Regulations for an extension of accreditation as a commercial laboratory to analyze petroleum product under Chapter 27 and Chapter 29 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Customs has determined that this company meets all of the requirements for accreditation as a commercial laboratory. Specifically, Camin Cargo, Inc. has been granted accreditation to perform the following tests methods at their Pasadena Texas site: (1) API Gravity by Hydrometer, ASTM D287; (2) API Gravity by Densitometer, ASTM D4052; (3) Water and Sediment in Crude Oils by Centrifuge, ASTM D4007; (4) Water and Sediment in Fuel Oils by Centrifuge, ASTM D1796; (5) Knock Characteristics of Motor Fuels by Research Method, ASTM D2699; (6) Knock Characteristics of Motor and Aviation Fuels by Motor Method, ASTM D2700; (7) Water in Petroleum Products and Bituminous Materials by Distillation, ASTM D95; (8) Water in Liquid Petroleum Products by Karl Fischer Reagent (Titration Method), ASTM D1744; (9) Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products (Reid Method), ASTM D323; (10) Vapor Pressure of

¹ WTNN is a restructured WTRC, a Tennessee corporation. WTNN has the same owners, address, representatives, and officers as WTRC, STRC operates a line from Lawrence, TN, to Kenton, TN, under a lease-operating agreement.

¹ WTNN certifies that its projected annual revenues will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III carrier.