

and the Hellenistic Kingdoms of the Ancient World," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York, from on or about April 11, 2016, until on or about July 17, 2016, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including a list of the imported objects to which this notice pertains, contact the Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs in the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: [section2459@state.gov](mailto:section2459@state.gov)). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/DP, SA-5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: February 25, 2016.

**Mark Taplin,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 35874]

**Lone Star Railroad, Inc. and Southern Switching Company—Track Construction and Operation Exemption—in Howard County, Texas**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of construction and operation exemption.

**SUMMARY:** The Board is granting an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 for Lone Star Railroad, Inc., to construct and operate a new line of railroad in Howard County, Tex. The Line would be used to provide rail service to an industrial park near Big Spring, Tex., via a connection with an existing Union Pacific Railroad Company mainline that extends between Dallas and El Paso, Tex. This exemption is subject to environmental mitigation conditions.

The Board, however, is denying, without prejudice, the petition for exemption with respect to Southern Switching Company's proposed operation of the newly constructed line

because the record does not support the authority requested.

**DATES:** The exemption with respect to the proposed construction by Lone Star Railroad, Inc., will be effective on April 2, 2016; petitions to reconsider or reopen must be filed by March 23, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35874 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each filing in this proceeding must be served on petitioners' representative: Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604-1112.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Allison Davis at (202) 245-0378. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at (800) 877-8339. Copies of written filings will be available for viewing and self-copying at the Board's Public Docket Room, Room 131, and will be posted to the Board's Web site.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at [WWW.STB.DOT.GOV](http://WWW.STB.DOT.GOV).

By the Board, Chairman Elliott, Vice Chairman Miller, and Commissioner Begeman.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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**TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY**

**Environmental Impact Statement—Multiple Reservoirs Land Management Plans**

**AGENCY:** Tennessee Valley Authority.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) addressing the impacts of alternative plans for managing public lands on eight TVA reservoirs in Alabama, Kentucky and Tennessee: Chickamauga, Fort Loudoun, Great Falls, Kentucky, Nickajack, Normandy, Wheeler and Wilson. TVA also proposes to use the information included in these eight reservoir land management plans (RLMP) to revise its Comprehensive Valleywide Land Plan. Public comment is invited concerning the scope of the EIS, including the appropriate uses for TVA-managed public lands on these

reservoirs and environmental issues that should be addressed as a part of this EIS.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 4, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Matthew Higdon, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive (WT11D), Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. Comments may also be emailed to [mshigdon@tva.gov](mailto:mshigdon@tva.gov) or submitted on the TVA Web site at: <https://www.tva.com/Environment/Environmental-Stewardship/Environmental-Reviews>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the EIS process, contact Matthew Higdon, NEPA Specialist, by email at [mshigdon@tva.gov](mailto:mshigdon@tva.gov), or by phone at (865) 632-8051. For information about the reservoir land plans, contact Heather Montgomery by email at [hlmcgee@tva.gov](mailto:hlmcgee@tva.gov) or by phone at (256) 386-3803.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is provided in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 to 1508) and TVA's procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations (36 CFR part 800).

TVA is a corporate agency and instrumentality of the United States, established by an act of Congress in 1933, to foster the social and economic welfare of the people of the Tennessee Valley region and to promote the proper use and conservation of the region's natural resources. Shortly after its creation, TVA began a dam and reservoir construction program that required the purchase of approximately 1.3 million acres of land for the creation of 46 reservoirs within the Tennessee Valley region. Most of these lands are located underneath the water of the reservoir system or have since been sold by TVA or transferred to other state or federal agencies. Today, approximately 293,000 acres of land along TVA reservoirs are managed by TVA for the benefit of the public.

**Reservoir Land Management Plans**

TVA's eight RLMPs will address management of approximately 138,222 acres of TVA-managed public lands surrounding the following reservoirs: Chickamauga, Fort Loudon, Great Falls, Nickajack and Normandy in Tennessee; Wheeler and Wilson in Alabama; and Kentucky in Tennessee and Kentucky. In the EIS, TVA will consider the potential environmental impacts of the eight RLMPs and the allocation of