DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 10392]

Notice of Change of Ownership of Permit Holder of Presidential Permit for Detroit River Crossing Pipeline Facilities on the Border of the United States and Canada

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a change in ownership of certain objects to be permanently, irrevocably, exclusively dedicated to the common carrier rights and obligations necessary to fulfill a Presidential Permit issued by the Department of State, Energy Resources Bureau, Office of Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy, United States Department of State, 2201 C St. NW, Suite 4422, Washington, DC 20520.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36177]

Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority—Acquisition Exemption—in Hennepin County, Minn.

The Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA), a Class III carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific (CP) a permanent, irrevocable, exclusive rail freight operating easement over the Bass Lake Spur, which extends from Milepost 435.06 in Hopkins, Hennepin County, Minn., to Milepost 428.38 in St. Louis Park, Hennepin County, Minn., a distance of approximately 6.7 miles (the Line).

HCRRA states that the Line includes a portion of the connecting track between the Bass Lake Spur and CP’s line of Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company (TCWR) to the west with a line of BNSF Railway Company to the east.

HCRRA further states that, through the proposed transaction, HCRRA intends to acquire CP’s common carrier rights and obligations with respect to the Line. Immediately following HCRRA’s acquisition, according to HCRRA, CP intends to transfer the trackage and underlying real estate to the Metropolitan Council, subject to HCRRA’s permanent and exclusive rail freight operating easement. HCRRA states that TCWR operates over the Line pursuant to overhead trackage rights granted by CP, which maintains the Line but does not operate on it. Upon consummation of the transaction, HCRRA states, CP will execute an agreement assigning to HCRRA its rights and responsibilities under the TCWR trackage rights agreement that pertain to the Line. HCRRA asserts that it will have permanent and adequate rights to ensure the provision of any required common carrier service on the Line, and neither HCRRA nor the Metropolitan Council will unreasonably interfere with or restrict TCWR’s continued overhead operations.

According to HCRRA, it has negotiated an Easement Agreement with CP and the Metropolitan Council setting forth the parties’ respective rights and obligations in connection with HCRRA’s acquisition of the easement that will allow HCRRA to acquire and fulfill CP’s common carrier rights and obligations...