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An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36208, 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 Audrey L. Brodrick, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606-2832.

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Decided: July 27, 2018.

By the Board, Amy C. Ziehm, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Andrea Pope-Matheson,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36207]

St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Company, LLC—Change in Operators Exemption—Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay Railway Company

St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Company (SPR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to assume operations over approximately 31 miles of track (the Line) owned by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) extending from milepost 0.433 at Watsonville Junction to milepost 31.39 at Davenport, Cal. The verified notice indicates that the Line was formerly operated by the Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay Railway Company (SCM) before SCM's cessation of operations in June 2018. Based on projected annual revenues, SPR expects to be a Class III carrier after consummation of the proposed transaction. SPR states that it will enter into an operating agreement with RTC governing SPR's operation of, and provision of rail common carrier service on, the Line. Pursuant to a separate agreement, SCM will transfer its permanent and exclusive freight operations to SPR.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *Progressive Rail Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Company, LLC*, Docket No. FD 36208, in which Progressive Rail Incorporated, SPR's parent company, seeks to continue in control of SPR upon SPR's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

SPR states that the proposed operation of the Line does not involve any provision or agreement that would limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier. SPR certifies that its annual rail revenues as a result of this transaction are not expected to exceed \$5 million, and it will not result in SPR becoming a Class I or Class II rail carrier. Under 49 CFR 1150.32(b), a change in operator requires that notice be given to shippers. SPR states that it has provided notice of the proposed change in operators to the four shippers on the Line.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is August 15, 2018, the effective date of the exemption.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2018-0008-N-5]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, FRA seeks approval of the Information Collection Requests (ICRs) abstracted below. Before submitting these ICRs to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval, FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified below.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 1, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the ICRs activities by mail to either: Mr. Robert Brogan, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Railroad Safety, Regulatory Analysis Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W33-497, Washington, DC 20590; or Ms. Kim Toone, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Information Technology, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W34-212, Washington, DC 20590. Commenters requesting FRA to acknowledge receipt of their respective comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard stating, "Comments on OMB Control Number 2130-XXXX" (the relevant OMB control number for each ICR is listed below), and should also include the title of the ICR. Alternatively, comments may be faxed to (202) 493-6216 or (202) 493-6497, or emailed to Mr. Brogan at Robert.Brogan@dot.gov, or Ms. Toone at Kim.Toone@dot.gov. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Brogan, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Railroad Safety, Regulatory Analysis Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad