proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–NYSEArca–2018–62, and should be submitted on or before September 26, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.31

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 1268X]

Chicago Terminal Railroad—Abandonment Exemption—in Chicago, Illinois

Chicago Terminal Railroad (CTM) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152.126† under Abandonments to abandon a less than 0.1-mile portion of the “Bloomington” line in Chicago, Ill., between N. Elston Avenue and Union Pacific North Avenue Yard (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 60642.

CTM has certified that: (1) No local freight traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the Line; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or a state or local government acting on behalf of any such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending before the Surface Transportation Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(c)(environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received,1 this exemption will be effective on October 5, 2018, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,2 formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),3 and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by September 17, 2018. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by September 25, 2018, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to CTM’s representative: John D. Heffner, Clark Hill Strasburger, 1025 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 717, Washington, DC 20036.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

3 The Board modified its OFA procedures effective July 29, 2017. Among other things, the OFA process now requires potential offerors, in their formal expression of intent, to make a preliminary financial responsibility showing based on a calculation using information contained in the carrier’s filing and publicly available information. See Offers of Financial Assistance, EP 729 (STB served June 29, 2017); 82 FR 50,997 (July 5, 2017).

4 The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised in the OFA process now requires potential offerors, in their formal expression of intent, to make a preliminary financial responsibility showing based on a calculation using information contained in the carrier’s filing and publicly available information. See Offers of Financial Assistance, EP 729 (STB served June 29, 2017); 82 FR 50,997 (July 5, 2017).

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CTM has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by September 10, 2018. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to OEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423–0001) or by calling OEA, at (202) 245–0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), CTM shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the Line. If consummation has not been effected by CTM’s filing of a notice of consummation by September 5, 2019, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at www.stb.gov.

Decided: August 30, 2018.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36214]

Rock & Rail, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Rail Lines of Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.

Rock & Rail, LLC (R&R), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate approximately 0.51 miles of rail line owned by Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. (MMM), located within MMM’s existing industry facility in Weld County, CO, between milepost 14.97 and milepost 15.48, which includes existing yard, switching, and industry tracks (the Lines).

R&R states that it has reached an agreement, pursuant to which MMM would transfer its interest in the Lines and other related facilities to R&R, including a concrete ready-mix plant, a
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Department of Transportation’s Competitive Highway Bridge Program for Fiscal Year 2018

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of funding opportunity.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a funding opportunity and requests grant applications for FHWA’s Competitive Highway Bridge Program. Eligible applicants are States that have a population density of less than 100 individuals per square mile. The funds must be used for highway bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects on public roads that demonstrate cost savings by bundling multiple highway bridge projects. The FHWA will distribute these funds as described in this notice on a competitive basis in a manner consistent with the selection criteria.

DATES: This is a one-time opportunity for funding. The deadline for consideration is December 4, 2018 at 11:59 p.m.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Competitive Highway Bridge Program staff via email at CHB.Program@dot.gov.


For legal questions, please contact Ms. Alla C. Shaw, Office of the Chief Counsel, at (202) 366–1042; by email at Alla.Sawh@dot.gov; or by mail at Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

Office hours for FHWA are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

In addition, FHWA will post information about the Competitive Highway Bridge Program on its website at https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/chbp.cfm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each section of this notice contains information and instructions relevant to the application process for program grants. The applicant should read this notice in its entirety to submit eligible and competitive applications.

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I. Program Description

Division L of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115–141, March 23, 2018) ("FY 2018 Appropriations Act"), appropriated $225 million to be awarded by DOT for a Competitive Highway Bridge Program. Eligible applicants are States that have a population density of less than 100 individuals per square mile. The funds must be used for highway bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects on any public roads that demonstrate cost savings by bundling multiple highway bridge projects. The Competitive Highway Bridge Program provides an opportunity to address significant challenges across the Nation for improving bridges that serve America.

II. Federal Award Information

A. Amount Available—The FY 2018 Appropriations Act appropriated the Competitive Highway Bridge Program as a grant program at $225 million for fiscal year (FY) 2018.

B. Availability of Funds—The funds provided for this program under the FY 2018 Appropriations Act are available for obligation through September 30, 2021, and expire after September 30, 2026.

III. Eligibility Information

To be selected for a Competitive Highway Bridge Program grant, an applicant must be an Eligible Applicant