

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 36486 (Sub-No. 11)]

**Grainbelt Corporation—Trackage Rights Exemption—BNSF Railway Company**

By petition filed on March 31, 2026, Grainbelt Corporation (GNBC) requests that the Board permit the trackage rights granted to it under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7) in Docket No. FD 36486 (Sub-No. 10) to expire under the terms agreed to by GNBC and the grantor of the rights, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF).

As explained by GNBC in its verified notice of exemption in Docket No. FD 36486 (Sub-No. 10), GNBC and BNSF entered into an agreement to extend the term of the previously amended, local trackage rights on trackage owned by BNSF between approximately milepost 668.73 in Long, Okla., and approximately milepost 723.30 in Quanah, Tex. (the Line), allowing GNBC to (1) use the Line to access the Plains Cotton Cooperative Association (PCCA) facility near BNSF Chickasha Subdivision milepost 688.6 at Altus, Okla., and (2) operate additional trains on the Line to accommodate the movement of trains transporting BNSF customers' railcars (loaded or empty) located along the Line to unit train facilities on the Line (collectively, the PCCA Trackage Rights). GNBC Verified Notice of Exemption 1–2, 1 n.1, March 31, 2026, *Grainbelt Corp.—Trackage Rts. Exemption—BNSF Ry.*, FD 36486 (Sub-No. 10). According to GNBC, it filed its verified notice of exemption under the Board's trackage rights class exemption at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7), instead of the temporary trackage rights exemption at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8), because the trackage rights covered by the notice are local rather than overhead. (GNBC Pet. 4.)

In its petition, GNBC asks the Board to partially revoke the exemption as necessary to permit the trackage rights to expire on March 30, 2027, pursuant to the parties' agreement. (*Id.* at 1.) GNBC argues that granting this petition would be consistent with the rail transportation policy at 49 U.S.C. 10101 and with the limited scope of the transaction and would not result in an abuse of market power. (GNBC Pet. 1–2.) In addition, GNBC asserts that the Board has granted similar petitions for partial revocation to permit temporary trackage rights to expire, including petitions involving prior iterations of the trackage rights agreement at issue here. (*Id.* at 5.)

**Discussion and Conclusions**

Although GNBC and BNSF have expressly agreed on the duration of the proposed PCCA Trackage Rights, trackage rights approved under the class exemption at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7) typically remain effective indefinitely, regardless of any contractual provisions. At times, however, the Board has taken action to allow such rights to expire after a limited time rather than lasting in perpetuity, based on the parties' agreement. *See, e.g., Grainbelt Corp.—Trackage Rts. Exemption—BNSF Ry.*, FD 36486 (Sub-No. 9) (STB served June 4, 2025) (allowing trackage rights under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7) to expire).

Permitting the trackage rights to expire as agreed to by the parties would eliminate the need for GNBC to separately seek discontinuance authority at a later date, thereby minimizing the need for federal regulatory control (49 U.S.C. 10101(2)), reducing regulatory barriers to entry into and exit from the rail industry (49 U.S.C. 10101(7)), and allowing for the expeditious handling and resolution of this transaction (49 U.S.C. 10101(15)). Moreover, doing so is consistent with the limited scope of the transaction previously exempted.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, the Board will grant the petition and permit the trackage rights exempted in Docket No. FD 36486 (Sub-No. 10) to expire on March 30, 2027.

To provide the statutorily mandated protection to any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance of trackage rights, the Board will impose the employee protective conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

This action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c).

*It is ordered:*

1. GNBC's petition to permit expiration of the trackage rights in Docket No. FD 36486 (Sub-No. 10) per the agreement of the parties is granted.

2. As discussed above, the trackage rights in Docket No. FD 36486 (Sub-No. 10) are permitted to expire on March 30, 2027, subject to the employee protective conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line*.

3. Notice of this decision will be published in the **Federal Register**.

4. This decision is effective on June 4, 2026. Petitions for stay must be filed by May 15, 2026. Petitions for

reconsideration must be filed by May 26, 2026.

Decided: May 1, 2026.

By the Board, Board Members Fuchs, Hedlund, and Schultz.

**Brendetta Jones,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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**TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY****Meeting of the Regional Resource Stewardship Council**

**AGENCY:** Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Act meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The TVA Regional Resource Stewardship Council (RRSC) will hold a meeting on May 13 and 14, 2026, regarding TVA's natural resources and stewardship matters in the Tennessee Valley.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held in Knoxville, Tennessee at the TVA Knoxville Office Complex Wednesday, May 13, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. E.T. and Thursday, May 14, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. E.T. RRSC council members are invited to attend the meeting in person. The public is invited to view the meeting virtually or to attend in-person. A one-hour virtual or in-person public listening session will be held May 14, at 9:10 a.m. E.T. A link and instructions to view the meeting will be posted on TVA's RRSC website at [www.tva.gov/rrsc](http://www.tva.gov/rrsc) at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The public is invited to view the meeting virtually or attend in person. The in-person meeting will be held in the TVA Knoxville Office Complex Auditorium at 400 W Summit Hill Dr. SW, Knoxville, TN 37902. Members of the public are also invited to speak either virtually or in person during a public listening session.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bekim Haliti, [bhaliti@tva.gov](mailto:bhaliti@tva.gov), 931–349–1894.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The RRSC is a discretionary advisory committee established under the authority of the TVA in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

The meeting agenda includes the following:

Day 1—May 13

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. RRSC and TVA Meeting Update
3. Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Update

<sup>1</sup> Because the proposed transaction is of limited scope, the Board need not make a market power finding. *See* 49 U.S.C. 10502(a).

4. TVA Environment and Stewardship Strategy
5. TVA History in Photographs
6. TVA Landowner's Task Force Update

Day 2—May 14

7. Welcome and Review of Day 1
8. Public Listening Session
9. Update on TVA's River Management, Natural Resources, and Cultural Resources

The RRSC will hear views of the public by providing a 1-hour public comment session starting May 14 at 9:10 a.m. E.T. Persons who wish to speak virtually must preregister by 5:00 p.m. E.T. Friday, May 8, 2026, by emailing [bhaliti@tva.gov](mailto:bhaliti@tva.gov). Persons wishing to speak in person are requested to register either at the door between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. ET on Thursday, May 14, 2026, or in advance by emailing [bhaliti@tva.gov](mailto:bhaliti@tva.gov). Persons registered will be called on during the public listening session to share their views for up to five minutes, depending on number of registrants. Written comments are also invited and may be emailed to [bhaliti@tva.gov](mailto:bhaliti@tva.gov). Anyone needing special accommodations should let the contact below know at least one week in advance.

Dated: April 29, 2026.

**Amy Edge,**

*Designated Federal Officer, Tennessee Valley Authority.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2010-0030]

#### Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's Request for Approval To Begin Field Testing on Its Positive Train Control Network

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides the public with notice that, on April 21, 2026, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), as the host railroad, submitted a request to permit CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX) to conduct field testing of the Interoperable Train Control positive train control (PTC) system on two segments of MBTA's North Side Fitchburg and Haverhill Lines utilizing CSX locomotives and equipment. FRA

is publishing this notice and inviting public comment on MBTA's request to allow its tenant to test on its PTC system.

**DATES:** FRA will consider comments received by June 4, 2026. FRA may consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable and without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to a PTC system.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Comments:* Comments may be submitted by going to <https://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and the applicable docket number. The relevant PTC docket number for this host railroad is Docket No. FRA-2010-0030. For convenience, all active PTC documents are hyperlinked on FRA's website at <https://railroads.dot.gov/research-development/program-areas/train-control/ptc/railroads-ptc-dockets>. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gabe Neal, Staff Director, Signal, Train Control, and Crossings Division, telephone: 816-516-7168, email: [Gabe.Neal@dot.gov](mailto:Gabe.Neal@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In general, title 49 United States Code (U.S.C.) section 20157(h) requires FRA to certify that a host railroad's PTC system complies with title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 236, subpart I, before the technology may be operated in revenue service. On June 30, 2020, FRA certified MBTA's Advanced Civil Speed Enforcement System PTC system under 49 CFR 236.1015 and 49 U.S.C. 20157(h). Pursuant to 49 CFR 236.1035, a railroad must obtain FRA's approval before field testing an uncertified PTC system, or a product of an uncertified PTC system, or any regression testing of a certified PTC system on the general rail system. See 49 CFR 236.1035(a). Please see MBTA's test request, including a complete description of MBTA's Concept of Operations and its specific test procedures, including the measures that will be taken to ensure safety during testing, which is available for review online at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FRA-2010-0030.

Interested parties are invited to comment on MBTA's Field Test Request by submitting written comments or data. During its review of the test request, FRA will consider any comments or

data submitted within the timeline specified in this notice and to the extent practicable, without delaying testing of valuable or necessary modifications to a PTC system. See 49 CFR 236.1035. FRA, however, may elect not to respond to any particular comment, and under 49 CFR 236.1035, FRA maintains the authority to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the test request at its sole discretion.

**Privacy Act Notice**

In accordance with 49 CFR 211.3, FRA solicits comments from the public to better inform its decisions. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <https://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). To facilitate comment tracking, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is optional. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact FRA for alternate submission instructions.

Issued in Washington, DC.

**Carolyn R. Hayward-Williams,**

*Director, Office of Railroad Systems and Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Foreign Assets Control

#### Notice of OFAC Sanctions Action

**AGENCY:** Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons that have been placed on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) based on OFAC's determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these persons are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

**DATES:** This action was issued on April 30, 2026. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for relevant dates.