

lines, equipment, personnel, and operating practices. (Rev. Appl. 1–100.) A SIP is a comprehensive written plan, prepared in accordance with FRA guidelines or regulations, explaining the process by which Applicants intend to integrate the operation of the properties involved in a manner that would maintain safety at every step of the integration process, in the event the Board approves the Transaction. 49 CFR 1106.2; *see also* 49 CFR 244.9. Applicants submitted the proposed SIP, prepared in consultation with FRA, to OEA and to FRA consistent with 49 CFR 1106.4(a) and 1180.8(a)(1). The proposed SIP will be made available for public review and comment during the EIS process. If the Board authorizes the Transaction and adopts the SIP, the Board requires compliance with the SIP as a condition to its authorization. 49 CFR 1106.4(b)(4).

**Blocked Crossings Plan.** Applicants state that they will submit information regarding measures that Applicants plan to take to address potentially blocked crossings as a result of merger-related changes in operations or increases in rail traffic as part of the environmental review process. (Rev. Appl. 1–101.) Applicants submitted their blocked crossings plan to OEA, consistent with 49 CFR 1180.8(a)(2), and OEA will consider it when preparing the EIS in this proceeding.<sup>51</sup>

**Service of Decisions, Orders, and Notices.** The Board will serve copies of its decisions, orders, and notices on those persons who are designated on the official service list as a Party of Record or Non-Party. All other interested persons are encouraged to secure copies of decisions, orders, and notices via the Board's website at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

**Access to Filings.** Under the Board's rules, any document filed with the Board (including applications, pleadings, etc.) shall be promptly furnished to interested persons on request, unless subject to a protective order. 49 CFR 1180.4(a)(3). The Revised Application and other filings in this proceeding will be furnished to interested persons upon request and will also be available on the Board's website at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov). In addition, the Revised Application may be obtained from Messrs. Rosenthal and Atkins at the addresses indicated above.

*It is ordered:*

1. The Revised Application in Docket No. FD 36873 and the related application filed in the embraced

docket, Docket No. FD 36873 (Sub-No. 1), are accepted for consideration.

2. The proceedings, including the environmental review of the Transaction, are held in abeyance pending further Board order.

3. Applicants are directed to provide the supplemental information discussed above by July 27, 2026.

4. Applicants' August 29, 2025 motion to permit ex parte stakeholder communications is denied.

5. The Board waives the requirements in 49 CFR 1105.10(a)(2)–(4) for publication of a Final Scope of Study and a Draft EIS.

6. This decision will be published in the **Federal Register**.

7. This decision is effective on May 28, 2026.

Decided: May 26, 2026.

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

**Aretha Laws-Byrum,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Docket No. FD 36931]**

### **East Ohio Valley Railway LLC— Operation Exemption—Long Ridge Railroad Company, LLC**

East Ohio Valley Railway LLC (EOVR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10902 for its continued operation of a 12.2-mile rail line between milepost 60.5 near Powhatan Point, Ohio, and milepost 72.7 near Hannibal, Ohio (the Line).

According to the verified notice, the Line is currently owned and operated by EOVR. This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *Long Ridge Railroad—Acquisition Exemption—Rail Line of East Ohio Valley Railway*, Docket No. FD 36929. According to the verified notice, Long Ridge Railroad Company, LLC (LRRR), currently a noncarrier, has filed the notice of exemption in FD 36929 for authority to acquire the Line and become a new Class III railroad. LRRR's parent company and EOVR have entered into a Term Sheet that provides EOVR with the right to continue operating the Line following LRRR's acquisition. EOVR and LRRR intend to enter into a full railroad operating agreement implementing the Term Sheet.

EOVR certifies that the transaction does not involve any provision or agreement that may limit future

interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

EOVR further certifies that its projected annual revenues resulting from the transaction will not exceed \$5 million and will not result in EOVR's becoming a Class I or Class II rail carrier.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is June 12, 2026, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than June 5, 2026 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36931, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on EOVR's representative, William A. Mullins, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 L Street NW, #720, Washington, DC 20037.

According to EOVR, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: May 26, 2026.

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.

**Kenyatta Clay,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Docket No. FD 36929]**

### **Long Ridge Railroad Company, LLC— Acquisition Exemption—Rail Line of East Ohio Valley Railway LLC**

Long Ridge Railroad Company, LLC (LRRR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from East Ohio Valley Railway LLC (EOVR) and operate a 12.2-mile rail line between milepost 60.5 near Powhatan Point, Ohio, and milepost 72.7 near Hannibal, Ohio (the Line).

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of

<sup>51</sup> Applicants' blocked crossings plan is available on the Board's website under "Environmental Comments," (environmental comment EI–34241).