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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36933]

Northeast Texas Railway Company—Acquisition of a Line of Railroad Owned by Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District and Change of Operators Exemption—Northeast Texas Connector, LLC

Northeast Texas Railway Company (NETX), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate approximately 65.59 miles of rail line owned by the Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District between milepost 555.0 in Greenville, Tex., and milepost 489.41 in Winfield, Tex. (the Line). The verified notice states that the current operator of the Line is Northeast Texas Connector, LLC (NETC).

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *TNW Corp.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Northeast Texas Railway*, Docket No. FD 36934, in which TNW Corporation seeks to continue in control of NETX upon NETX’s becoming a Class III rail carrier.

According to the verified notice, NETX and the Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District are in the process of finalizing an agreement pursuant to which NETX will lease the underlying right-of-way, acquire the track and track material, and operate the Line as a common carrier, replacing Northeast Texas Connector, LLC (NETC), as the common carrier service provider on the Line. The verified notice indicates that NETC does not object to the proposed transaction by which it would be replaced by NETX as operator on the Line. NETX certifies that the agreement governing the proposed transaction does not impose or include an interchange commitment. NETX further certifies that its projected annual revenues will not exceed \$5 million and will not result in NETX’s 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. NETX provides a list of all known shippers that use or could potentially use the Line and certifies that they have been served.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is June 18, 2026. NETX states that it expects to consummate its acquisition of, and commence common carrier operations over, the Line after that date.

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 11, 2026 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36933, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either 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 NETX’s representative, Justin J. Marks, Clark Hill PLC, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 1300 South, Washington, DC 20004.

According to NETX, 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.

Decided: June 1, 2026.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.

Stefan Rice,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36934]

TNW Corporation—Continuance in Control Exemption—Northeast Texas Railway Company

TNW Corporation (TNW), a non-carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of Northeast Texas Railway Company (NETX), upon NETX’s becoming a Class III rail carrier.

TNW currently controls three Class III carriers.¹

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *Northeast Texas Railway—Acquisition of a Line of Railroad Owned by Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District & Change of Operators Exemption—Northeast Texas Connector, LLC*, Docket No. FD 36933, in which NETX seeks to acquire and operate approximately 65.59 miles of rail line owned by the Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District between milepost 555.0 in Greenville, Tex., and milepost 489.41 in Winfield, Tex., replacing Northeast Texas Connector, LLC, as the common carrier service provider on that line.²

TNW represents that: (1) the rail line to be operated by NETX does not connect with any of the railroads in TNW’s corporate family; (2) the control of NETX is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would result in such a connection; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I rail carrier. The proposed transaction is therefore exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is June 18, 2026, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. However, 49 U.S.C. 11326(c) does not provide for labor protection for transactions under 49 U.S.C. 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Accordingly, because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board may not impose labor protective conditions here.

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 11, 2026 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36934, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board’s website or in

¹ Those carriers are Texas North Western Railway Company; Texas, Gonzales & Northern Railway Company; and Texas Rock Crusher Railway Company.

² NETX will lease the underlying right-of-way and acquire the track and track material.

writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on TNW's representative, Justin J. Marks, Clark Hill PLC, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 1300 South, Washington, DC 20004.

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

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: June 1, 2026.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.

Zantori Dickerson,
Clearance Clerk.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Determination and Request for Comments Concerning Action Pursuant to Section 301: Brazil's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Digital Trade and Electronic Payment Services; Unfair, Preferential Tariffs; Anti-Corruption Enforcement; Intellectual Property Protection; Ethanol Market Access; and Illegal Deforestation

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

ACTION: Notice of determination and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Trade Representative (Trade Representative) has determined that certain of Brazil's acts, policies, and practices at issue in this investigation are actionable under Section 301(b) and Section 304(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (Trade Act). The Trade Representative is proposing action, including tariffs on articles of Brazil and certain exemptions, and invites comments from the public.

DATES: To be assured of consideration, the following schedule applies:

June 1, 2026: Comment period opens.

June 22, 2026: To be assured of consideration, submit requests to appear at the hearing, along with a summary of testimony, by this date.

July 1, 2026: Due date for written comments.

July 6, 2026: USTR will hold a public hearing in the main hearing room of the U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. If necessary, the hearing may continue on the next business day.

ADDRESSES: Submit documents in response to this notice, including written comments, through the online USTR portal at: <https://comments.ustr.gov/s/>. The docket number for comments is USTR-2026-0331. The docket number for requests to appear at the public hearing on the proposed tariff actions is USTR-2026-0397.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions about this notice, contact Philip Butler and Megan Grimball, Chairs of the Section 301 Committee; or Megan Paster, Assistant General Counsel, at (202) 395-5725.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

At the specific direction of the President, on July 15, 2025, the Trade Representative initiated an investigation into Brazil's acts, policies, and practices related to digital trade and electronic payment services; unfair, preferential tariffs; anti-corruption enforcement; intellectual property protection; ethanol market access; and illegal deforestation. The notice of initiation solicited written comments on:

Digital Trade and Electronic Payment Services

- The acts, policies, or practices of Brazil that may undermine the competitiveness of U.S. companies engaged in digital trade or electronic payment services.
- The extent to which Brazil's acts, policies, or practices discriminate against or unfairly disadvantage U.S. companies engaged in digital trade or electronic payment services.

Unfair, Preferential Tariffs

- The acts, policies, or practices of Brazil which accord lower, preferential tariff treatment only to certain large trading partners in specific sectors, including sectors in which these trading partners are globally competitive.
- The extent to which Brazil's acts, policies, or practices discriminate against or unfairly disadvantage U.S. exports and economic output.

Anti-Corruption Enforcement

- The extent to which Brazil's enforcement of anti-corruption measures is not sufficient.
- The extent to which Brazil's lack of enforcement of anti-corruption measures disadvantages U.S. companies engaged in trade and investment in Brazil.

Intellectual Property Protection

- The acts, policies, or practices of Brazil that deny adequate and effective

protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights.

- The extent to which Brazil's acts, policies, or practices discriminate against or unfairly disadvantage American workers whose livelihoods are tied to American innovation- and creativity-driven sectors.
- Other acts, policies, or practices of Brazil relating to the protection or enforcement of intellectual property rights that may discriminate against or unfairly disadvantage U.S. businesses.

Ethanol Market Access

- The extent to which Brazil's tariff rates or any related regulations on ethanol discriminate against or unfairly disadvantage U.S. ethanol producers.
- Other acts, policies, or practices of Brazil that may discriminate against or unfairly disadvantage U.S. producers of ethanol, biofuels, or related products.

Illegal Deforestation

- The extent to which Brazil has laws and regulations to effectively address illegal deforestation, use of illegally deforested land for agricultural production, and illegal logging taking place in its territory.
- The extent to which Brazil is effectively enforcing laws and regulations to address illegal deforestation, using illegally deforested land for agricultural production, and permitting illegal logging in its territory.
- The extent to which farmers are producing agricultural products on illegally deforested land in Brazil and exporting those products, directly or through downstream agricultural products, to the United States or other markets.
- The extent to which Brazilian products, including lumber and wooden furniture, are being made with timber harvested illegally and are being exported to the United States or other markets.
- Other acts, policies, or practices of Brazil related to illegal deforestation that may discriminate against or unfairly disadvantage U.S. businesses.

General

- Whether there are any other acts, policies, and practices of Brazil related to the production of goods and services referenced in this notice that discriminate against or unfairly disadvantage U.S. businesses.
- Whether Brazil's acts, policies, and practices identified in this initiation notice are unreasonable or discriminatory.
- Whether Brazil's acts, policies, and practices identified in this initiation notice burden or restrict U.S. commerce,