TRANSPORTATION LEASING COMPANY).

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 13073]

United States Passports Invalid for Travel to, in, or Through the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of extension of passport travel restriction.

SUMMARY: On September 1, 2017, all U.S. passports were declared invalid for travel to, in, or through the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), unless specially validated for such travel. The restriction has been extended annually since 2017, and, if not renewed, the restriction is set to expire on August 31, 2026. This notice extends the restriction until August 31, 2027, unless extended or revoked by the Secretary of State.

DATES: The extension of the travel restriction is in effect on September 1, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Tinianow, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Office of Adjudication, 202–765–6517.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 1, 2017, pursuant to the authority of 22 U.S.C. 211a and Executive Order 11295 (31 FR 10603), and in accordance with 22 CFR 51.63(a)(3), all U.S. passports were declared invalid for travel to, in, or through the DPRK unless specially validated for such travel. The restriction was renewed on September 1 in each year from 2018 through 2025. If not renewed again, the restriction is set to expire on August 31, 2026.

The Department of State has determined there continues to be serious risk to U.S. citizens and nationals of arrest and long-term detention constituting imminent danger to their physical safety, as defined in 22 CFR 51.63(a)(3). Accordingly, all U.S. passports shall remain invalid for travel to, in, or through the DPRK unless specially validated for such travel under the authority of the Secretary of State. This extension to the restriction of travel to the DPRK shall be effective on September 1, 2026, and shall expire August 31, 2027, unless extended or revoked by the Secretary of State.

Dated: July 2, 2026.

Marco Rubio,

Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36944]

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, LLC—Change of Operator Exemption— Railroad Line in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, Cal.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, LLC (Rock Island), has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to replace St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Company, LLC (SPPR), as the common carrier operator over an approximately 2.567-mile rail line (the Line) owned by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, Cal.[1] The Line extends from milepost 0.433 at Watsonville Junction, Monterey County, to a point west of Watsonville Junction at milepost 3.00 in Santa Cruz County.

Rock Island states SPPR currently holds an exclusive freight common carrier easement over the Line. According to the verified notice, Rock Island recently entered into an agreement with RTC pursuant to which RTC will arrange for the voluntary transfer of the Line from SPPR to Rock Island, giving Rock Island the right to provide common carrier service on the Line on or after the effective date of the exemption. As noted above, SPPR consents to being replaced as the operator of the Line.

Rock Island certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier and will not exceed $5 million. Rock Island also certifies that the proposed transaction does not involve any provision or agreement that may limit future interchange of traffic with a third-party connecting carrier. Under 49 CFR 1150.42(b), a change in operators exemption requires that notice be given to shippers. Rock Island states that it has provided a copy of the notice to all shippers on the Line.

The transaction may be consummated on or after August 7, 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 by July 31, 2026 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36944, 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 Rock Island's representative, Robert J. Riley, Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, LLC, 2747 Pass Road, Biloxi, MS 39531.

According to Rock Island, 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: July 15, 2026.

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

Tammy Lowery,

Clearance Clerk.

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[1] By decision served July 7, 2026, Rock Island was directed to supplement its verified notice to provide the information necessary to determine that SPPR consents to the proposed change in operators. *See Chi. Rock Island & Pac. R.R.—Change in Operator Exemption—R.R. Line in Monterey & Santa Cruz Cntys., Cal.,* FD 36944, slip op. at 1 (July 7, 2026). On July 8, 2026, SPPR filed a letter stating that it consents to being replaced as the operator of the Line. July 8, 2026, is therefore considered the filing date of the verified notice.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 497 (Sub-No. 8X)]

Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Norman and Polk Counties, Minn.

Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc. (MNN), filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 11.14 miles of rail line located in Norman and Polk Counties, Minn., extending from milepost 40.20 at approximately the north end of the Marsh River Bridge south of Shelly, Minn., to milepost 51.34 at approximately the north side of Golf Course Lane, north of Climax, Minn. (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 56523, 56568, and 56581.