The earliest this transaction may be consummated is August 5, 2026, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice of exemption is deemed to have been 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 July 29, 2026 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36897, 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 WCN's representative, Max Callahan, Fulcrum Rail, 141 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1795, Chicago, IL 60604.

According to WCN, 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 17, 2026.

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

Stefan Rice,

Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36895]

NPJ Rail, LLC—Acquisition Exemption—Rail Line of Franklin Storage, LP at Guilford Springs Road Transload Facility, Chambersburg, PA

NPJ Rail, LLC (NPJ), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Colby Nitterhouse (Nitterhouse), on behalf of Franklin Storage, LP (Franklin Storage), and operate approximately 1,800 feet (0.34 miles) of existing rail line at a transload facility owned by NPJ Properties, LP, and leased by Franklin Storage, located at 2999 Guilford Springs Road in Chambersburg, PA (the Line).[1] NPJ states that the Line is not described by milepost numbers.

This transaction is related to a verified notice of exemption in *Nitterhouse—Continuance in Control Exemption—NPJ Rail, LLC; PNGT Rail, LLC; & WCN Rail, LLC,* Docket No. FD 36923, in which Nitterhouse seeks authority to continue in control of NPJ; PNGT Rail, LLC; and WCN Rail, LLC upon their becoming Class III rail carriers.

According to the verified notice, the Line is used in conjunction with interchanging hoppers, boxcars, and centerbeam bulk commodities (*i.e.,* lumber, aggregate, particleboard, and copy paper) to and from Norfolk Southern Railway. The verified notice states that an operating agreement between Nitterhouse, on behalf of Franklin Storage, and NPJ concerning the Line has been executed.

NPJ certifies that its projected annual revenues will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier. NPJ also certifies that the transaction does not involve a provision or agreement that would prohibit or limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is August 5, 2026, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice of exemption is deemed to have been 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 July 29, 2026 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36895, 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 NPJ's representative, Max Callahan, Fulcrum Rail, 141 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1795, Chicago, IL 60604.

According to NPJ, 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 17, 2026.

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

Aretha Laws-Byrum,

Clearance Clerk.

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[1] NPJ originally filed its notice of exemption on December 15, 2025; however, the notice contained numerous errors and omissions, including missing the required verification. *See* 49 CFR 1150.32. On January 13, 2026, NPJ submitted a supplement to its notice, which included a verification. The filing date for that supplement is January 14, 2026, the date when NPJ provided a certificate of service as required by 49 CFR 1104.12. Also on January 13, 2026, the Board issued a decision directing NPJ to supplement its notice of exemption to correct certain errors and omissions, to the extent it had not already done so, and postponing the effective date of the notice until further order of the Board. After several intervening orders in this docket, in a decision served on July 2, 2026, the Board directed counsel for NPJ to clarify his address, which he did in a filing received on July 6, 2026. Accordingly, the date of NPJ's most recent supplement, July 6, 2026, is deemed the filing date of NPJ's verified notice.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36923]

Colby Nitterhouse—Continuance in Control Exemption—NPJ Rail, LLC; PNGT Rail, LLC; and WCN Rail, LLC

Colby Nitterhouse (Nitterhouse), a non-carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of NPJ Rail, LLC (NPJ); PNGT Rail, LLC (PNGT); and WCN Rail, LLC (WCN) upon their becoming Class III rail carriers.[1] Nitterhouse currently does not control any carriers.[2]

[1] Nitterhouse originally filed its verified notice on April 27, 2026, seeking to continue in control of NPJ, PNGT, WCN, and AJAK Rail, LLC (AJAK), upon their becoming rail carriers. By order served May 26, 2026, Nitterhouse was directed to supplement the verified notice, and the effective date of the exemption was postponed pending further order of the Board. In a letter filed on June 3, 2026, Nitterhouse and AJAK informed the Board that AJAK does not presently intend to pursue the acquisition authority it sought in Docket No. FD 36894 and that Nitterhouse would amend the verified notice filed in this docket to reflect that change. On June 5, 2026, Nitterhouse filed an amended verified notice. The docket caption has been revised to reflect the removal of AJAK. In a decision served on July 2, 2026, the Board directed counsel for NPJ, PNGT, WCN, and Nitterhouse to clarify his address, which he did in a filing received on July 6, 2026. Accordingly, the date of Nitterhouse's most recent supplement, July 6, 2026, is deemed the filing date of the verified notice.

[2] Under 49 U.S.C. 11323, Board authority is required for acquisition of control of a rail carrier by a person that is not a rail carrier but that controls any number of rail carriers. 49 U.S.C. 11323(a)(5). A noncarrier like Nitterhouse, on the other hand, generally does not require Board authority to control its first carrier. *See Williams—Control Exemption—S&S Shortline Leasing, LLC,* FD 36460 et al., slip op. at 3–4 (STB served Jan. 26, 2021). However, because it is not clear which carrier Nitterhouse will acquire first, continuance in control authority is required for each of them. *See AJAK Rail, LLC—Acquis. Exemption—Rail Line of Franklin Storage, LP at Advantage Ave. Transload Facility, Chambersburg, PA,* FD 36894 et al., slip op. at 3 n.6 (STB served Mar. 27, 2026).

These transactions are related to verified notices of exemption filed in: (1) *NPJ Rail, LLC—Acquisition Exemption—Rail Line of Franklin Storage, LP at Guilford Springs Road Transload Facility, Chambersburg, PA,* Docket No. FD 36895, in which NPJ seeks to acquire from Nitterhouse, on behalf of Franklin Storage, LP (Franklin Storage), and operate approximately 1,800 feet (0.34 miles) of rail line located at a transloading facility owned by NPJ Properties, LP, and leased by Franklin Storage, in Chambersburg, PA; (2) *PNGT Rail, LLC—Acquisition Exemption—Rail Line of Franklin Storage, LP at WCN Drive Transload Facility, Chambersburg, PA,* Docket No. FD 36896, in which PNGT seeks to acquire from Nitterhouse, on behalf of Franklin Storage, and operate approximately 2,200 feet (0.42 miles) of rail line at a transloading facility owned by PNGT, LP, and leased by Franklin Storage, in Chambersburg, PA; and (3) *WCN Rail, LLC—Acquisition Exemption—Rail Line of Franklin Storage, LP at Kriner Road Transload Facility, Chambersburg, PA,* Docket No. FD 36897, in which WCN seeks to acquire from Nitterhouse, on behalf of Franklin Storage, and operate approximately 2,220 feet (0.42 miles) of rail line at a transloading facility owned by WCN Properties, LP, and leased by Franklin Storage, in Chambersburg, PA.[3]

Nitterhouse represents that: (1) the railroads to be operated by NPJ, PNGT, and WCN do not connect with each other or with any of the railroads in Nitterhouse's corporate family; (2) the control of NPJ, PNGT, and WCN is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the railroads; and (3) the transactions do not involve a Class I rail carrier. The proposed transactions are therefore exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. *See* 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

The earliest these transactions may be consummated is August 5, 2026, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice of exemption is deemed to have been filed).

[3] NPJ, PNGT, WCN each verified their notices by supplements filed in their respective dockets on January 14, 2026.

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 these transactions involve 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 July 29, 2026 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36923, 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 Nitterhouse's representative, Max Callahan, Fulcrum Rail, 141 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1795, Chicago, IL 60604.

According to Nitterhouse, 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).

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Decided: July17, 2026.

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

Kenyatta Clay,

Clearance Clerk.

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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) has removed from OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) the names of certain persons whose property and interests in property had been blocked pursuant to Hong Kong sanctions authorities. Additionally, OFAC has transferred names of persons who remain sanctioned under the Hong Kong Autonomy Act, Public Law 116–149 (HKAA), from the SDN List to the Non-SDN Menu Based Sanctions List (NS–MBS List).

DATES: This action was issued on July 17, 2026. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, 202–622–2420; Assistant Director for Licensing, 202–622–2480; Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance, 202–622–2490 or *https://ofac.treasury.gov/contact-ofac.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The SDN List, NS–MBS List, and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website: *https://ofac.treasury.gov.*

Notice of OFAC Actions

A. The national emergency declared in Executive Order (E.O.) 13936 of July 14, 2020, ''The President's Executive Order on Hong Kong Normalization,'' with respect to Hong Kong, was not continued in effect beyond July 14, 2026. Accordingly, the persons listed below, whose property had been blocked solely pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), have been removed from the SDN List, and their property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction are no longer blocked.

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