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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. FD 36918

900 CONSHOHOCKEN RAIL LLC—ACQUISITION AND OPERATION EXEMPTION—
RAIL LINE OF CLEVELAND-CLIFFS RAILWAYS INC., D/B/A UPPER MERION &
PLYMOUTH RAILROAD

Decided: October 8, 2026

On June 12, 2026, 900 Conshohocken Rail LLC (Conshohocken Rail), a noncarrier, filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.31 to acquire an approximately 11-mile rail line in Conshohocken, Pa. (the Line), from Cleveland-Cliffs Railways Inc. d/b/a Upper Merion & Plymouth Railroad. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2026 (91 Fed. Reg. 38,757). The notice of exemption, which became effective July 12, 2026, indicated that Conshohocken Rail would provide rail service over the Line as needed, either itself or through a contract service provider.

On August 31, 2026, Mike Huhn filed in opposition to the transaction, alleging that MLP Ventures, LLC (MLP), the parent company of Conshohocken Rail, “proposes to *remove* railroad track and rights-of-way” of the Line to construct a parking lot for a proposed new data center. (Huhn Comment 1.) Huhn contends that MLP’s plans to “remov[e] the right-of-way approach to the Schuylkill River bridge” would effectively cut off “the mill property from the national rail network, as well as multiple businesses and an 11 track yard.” Id. Conshohocken Rail has not filed a reply to Huhn’s filing.

Conshohocken Rail will be directed to respond to the allegations in Huhn’s filing by October 28, 2026.

It is ordered:

1. Conshohocken Rail is directed to file a response to Huhn’s filing by October 28, 2026.
2. This decision is effective on its service date.

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