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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. FD 36787

ALAMEDA BELT LINE—OPERATION EXEMPTION—
BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES,
BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS (LONG BEACH), AND
ALAMEDA CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Decided: July 11, 2024

On June 12, 2024, Alameda Belt Line (ABL), a noncarrier, filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.31 “to assume by subcontract the dispatching operations” over the Alameda Corridor, an approximately 16.1-mile railroad corridor between milepost 0.0 at CP East Redondo in Los Angeles, Cal., and milepost 16.1 at CP West Thenard in Los Angeles (the Line). (Notice 1.) According to the verified notice, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) and Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) have operating rights over the Line. (See id.) The verified notice states that UP currently handles Line dispatching with BNSF oversight pursuant to an agreement between BNSF, UP, and the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, the Line’s administrator. (Id. at 2-3.) ABL, a private entity owned in equal parts by BNSF and UP, states that it filed the verified notice pursuant to the Board’s decision in Rail-Term Corp.—Petition for Declaratory Order, FD 35582 (STB served Nov. 19, 2013). (Id. at 3-4.) The exemption is scheduled to become effective on July 12, 2024.

To provide sufficient time for evaluation of the matters raised by the verified notice, the effective date of the exemption will be postponed until further order of the Board.

It is ordered:

1. The effective date of the exemption is postponed until further order of the Board.
2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.