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R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Cleveland Line (“RJCL”), a Class III railroad carrier, hereby files this verified notice of exemption (the “Notice”) pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 1150, subpart E, to authorize RCJL’s updated and continued lease from CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”), and operation of, approximately 15.1 miles of railroad line (the “Line”), extending from milepost 59.5 (Valuation Station 3100+95), at Uhrichsville, Ohio, to milepost 74.6 (Valuation Station 3894+25), at Dover, Ohio, together with ancillary yard track in Dover.

The Line has been the subject of previous exemption proceedings before the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) and its predecessor agency, the Interstate Commerce Commission (the “ICC”). In 1990, following ICC authorization, CSXT sold approximately 33.8 miles of track, between milepost 74.6 at Dover and milepost 108.4 at Warwick, Ohio (the “Dover-Warwick Segment”), and

leased roughly another 15.1 miles of railroad track (*i.e.*, the Line) to R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Memphis Line (“RJCM”).¹ RJCM later transferred its interests in the Dover-Warwick Segment and the Line to RJCL.²

RJCL now seeks authorization from the Board to amend and update its lease of the Line from CSXT to continue its leasehold operations. Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43, RJCL hereby provides the following information to the Board:

Name and Address of Applicant: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(a)

R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Cleveland Line
Attn: General Counsel
101 R.J. Corman Drive
Nicholasville, Kentucky 40356

Applicant’s Representative: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(b)

RJCL’s representative, to whom correspondence regarding this transaction should be sent, is as follows:

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¹ See *R.J. Corman R.R. Co./Memphis Line—Purchase and Lease—CSX Transp., Inc. Line Between Warwick and Uhrichsville, Ohio*, FD 31388 (Sub-No. 1) (ICC served June 23, 1989).

² See *R.J. Corman R.R. Co./Cleveland Line—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Rail Line of R.J. Corman R.R. Co./Memphis Line*, FD 32643 (STB served Jan. 20, 1995).

Statement Concerning Agreement: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(c)

RJCL and CSXT have concluded a Restated Lease Agreement and an Amended and Restated Freight Operating Agreement (the “Agreement”), updating, amending, and extending the long-standing arrangements for RJCL’s continued lease and operation of the Line. The Agreement will take effect upon appropriate authorization from the Board.

Operator of the Property: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(d)

RJCL will continue to provide railroad common carrier freight service to all freight customers located along the Line, as it has done since 1995.

Brief Summary of the Transaction: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(e)

The Line is 15.1 miles long. It extends from milepost 59.5 (Valuation Station 3100+95), at Uhrichsville, Ohio, to milepost 74.6 (Valuation Station 3894+25), at Dover, Ohio, together with ancillary yard track at Dover. RJCL assumed the leasehold interest in the Line from RJCM in 1995,³ and has provided common carrier service over the Line ever since. RJCL and CSXT have recently agreed to amended and updated terms to govern RJCL’s continued lease and operation of the Line, which RJCL intends to consummate upon the effectiveness of the present exemption proceeding. The name and address of the Line’s owner is:

CSX Transportation, Inc.
500 Water Street, 15th Floor
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

³ See *id.*

Map: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(f)

See Exhibit A.

Certification of Eligibility: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(g)

See Certification and Verification.

Interchange Commitments: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(h)

The Agreement has an interchange commitment. Accordingly, RJCL provides the following additional information:

(i) The Line itself does not connect directly with the lines of any third-party carriers, but the Agreement could affect interchanges with other carriers located on the Dover-Warwick Segment, north of the Line, as indicated below.

(ii) A true and correct copy of the Agreement has been filed under seal and attached hereto. *See Highly Confidential Exhibit B.*

(iii) Customers who have used RJCL's common carrier services on the Line during the two past calendar years are Deflecto, LLC; Dover Chemical Corp.; Kraton Corp.; Marlite, Inc.; and National Lime & Stone Co.

(iv) The confidential aggregate total of carloads originated or terminated on the Line during the past two years by the shippers identified in subparagraph (iii) is [x,xxx] cars for calendar year 2024 and [x,xxx] cars for calendar year 2025.

(v) RJCL certifies it has provided notice of the proposed transaction and interchange commitment to the shippers identified in subparagraph (iii).

(vi) The Agreement contains an interchange commitment between RJCL and CSXT. The terms do not apply directly to any interchanges on the Line, but could affect RJCL's ability to interchange with third-party carriers intersecting with RJCL's Dover-Warwick Segment, which is immediately north of the Line. Other than RJCL's connection with CSXT at Warwick, Ohio, which is not subject to any interchange commitment, third-party interchanges affected by the Agreement include RJCL's interchanges with Norfolk Southern Railway at Massillon, Ohio, and Wooster, Ohio; Ohio Central Railroad at Beach City, Ohio; and Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway at Brewster, Ohio.

(vii) The interchange commitment is a condition of CSXT's lease of the line to RJCL. Accordingly, the value of the interchange commitment cannot be estimated.

(viii) The caption for this exemption proceeding indicates the presence of an interchange commitment.

Advance Labor Notice: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(e)

RJCL's annual revenues do not exceed, and are not by virtue of the proposed transaction projected to exceed, \$5 million. Accordingly, the Board's advance labor notice requirements at 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(e) do not apply to this transaction. *See Certification and Verification.*

Environmental and Historical Preservation Data: 49 C.F.R. § 1105

Under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.6(c)(1)(i), the proposed transaction is excepted from environmental reporting requirements. The proposed transaction will not

result in significant changes in carrier operations, *i.e.*, changes that exceed the thresholds established at 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7(e)(4) or (5).

Under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(b)(1), the proposed transaction is also excepted from historic preservation reporting requirements. Additional Board approval would be required to discontinue service over the Line, or over any part of it. Furthermore, there are no plans to dispose of or alter properties subject to Board jurisdiction that are fifty (50) years old or older.

Caption Summary: 49 C.F.R. § 1150.32(a)

See Exhibit C.

Respectfully submitted,

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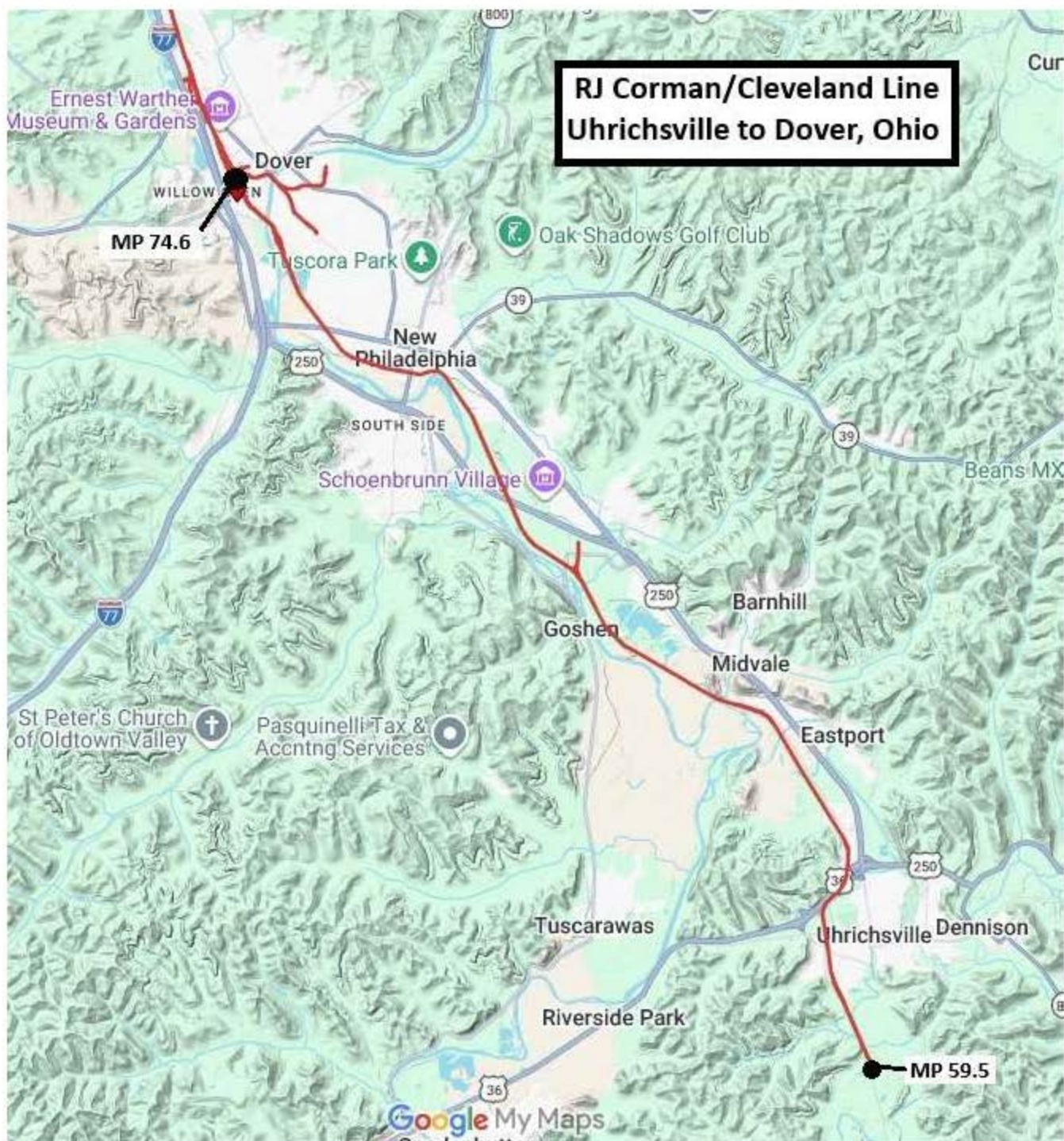
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EXHIBIT A
MAP



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HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL
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AGREEMENT

[HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT B FILED UNDER SEAL]

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This notice has been filed pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1150.41 *et seq.* If the 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 transaction.

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**CERTIFICATION AND
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I, Korey Colyer, hereby certify and verify the following under penalty of perjury:

1. I am the Chief Strategy Officer for R.J. Corman Railroad Company/
Cleveland Line ("RJCL");
2. I am properly authorized to execute this Certification and Verification
on RJCL's behalf;
3. RJCL's annual revenues are not projected to exceed \$5 million, or to
meet or exceed the thresholds of Class II or Class I carriers;
4. The foregoing Notice of Exemption contains a complete list of entities
subject to the interchange commitment described therein; and
5. I have read the foregoing Notice of Exemption, and I know the facts
stated therein to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

By: /s/  _____

Dated: 05/26/2026