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Chief, Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: **Docket No. FD 36364**
Decatur & Eastern Illinois Railroad, L.L.C. — Acquisition and
Operation Exemption — Eastern Illinois Railroad Company and NRG, Inc.

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(e), Decatur & Eastern Illinois Railroad, L.L.C. (“DREI”) certifies that on November 1, 2019, the attached Notice was posted at the following workplace of employees on the lines owned and operated by the Eastern Illinois Railroad Company (“EIRC”):¹

730 Elm Ave.
Charleston, IL 61920

The potentially affected employees of EIRC are not represented by a labor union. Accordingly, the service provisions at 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(e) (service of notice on the national offices of labor unions with employees on the affected lines) is inapplicable here.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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¹ NRG, Inc. (“NRG”) is involved in this transaction as the transferor of certain of the rail assets that, along with those of EIRC, will be acquired and operated by DREI. Those rail assets are operated by EIRC, and not by NRG. Accordingly, because EIRC employees would be affected by the proposed transaction and resulting change in operations, the attached notice was posted at the workplace of EIRC employees.

NOTICE

The Decatur & Eastern Illinois Railroad, L.L.C. ("DREI") provides notice pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.32(e) that it is acquiring from NRG Inc. ("NRG") and Eastern Illinois Railroad Company ("EIRC") (each of NRG and EIRC individually as the "Seller", and both collectively, the "Sellers") approximately 53 miles of Seller's interest in the real property and right-of-way ("*Real Property*"), as well as associated property from Milepost 286 near Metcalf, IL to the East line of Oak Street in Neoga, IL, near Milepost 338.95, consisting of 2 Subdivisions and approximately 3 sidings and the Charleston Yard.

As a result of operating the freight portion of the rail line, DREI expects to have employment opportunities in Charleston or Tuscola, IL in the following areas, with the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

Conductor:

Approximately 2 positions in Charleston, IL. These positions require the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

- At least 1 year experience as a Conductor/Brakeman.
- Must have Qualifications on the General Code of Operating Rules (GCOR) and have passed a written test in the past 18 months.
- Must have an understanding of air brake and mechanical systems of a train and locomotives, and pass a written test to verify competency.

Engineer:

Approximately 2 positions in Charleston, IL. These positions require the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

- At least 1 year experience as a Locomotive Engineer.
- Must possess a valid Engineer's certificate issued by a program in compliance with 49 CFR Part 240.
- Must be able to meet all hearing and vision requirements of 49 CFR Part 240.
- Must have an understanding of air brake and mechanical systems of a train and locomotives, and pass a written test to verify competency.

Locomotive Laborer:

1 position located in Paris, IL. This position requires the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

- Make repairs and perform scheduled maintenance to both inbound and outbound locomotives.
- Must have knowledge of and comply with FRA standards.
- Must possess a high school education or GED, and a minimum of 12 months job-related experience; or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Prefer background in technical training in Diesel/Electrical maintenance/repair.
- Demonstrated knowledge and ability in using required hand and power tools.

Track Inspector:

1 position located in Charleston or Tuscola, IL. This position requires the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

- Responsible for supervision of rail car inspection and maintenance in accordance with FRA standards.
- Inspect railroad track structure for compliance with railroad policy and federal/state regulations.
- Implement remedial action on defects pending repair.
- Oversee/direct production gang work.
- Inspect completed work to verify conformance to government regulations.
- Prepare inspection reports for management and government compliance.
- Must possess 3 years supervisory experience in Railroad Track Maintenance.

Track Laborer:

Approximately 2 positions in Charleston, IL. These positions require the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

- Perform tasks associated with track work including but not limited to, pulling and driving spikes, replacing ties, surfacing track, changing rail, bars, and other track apparatus.
- Must be willing to learn and apply FRA rules and regulations and be able to perform maintenance in a timely manner.
- Must be willing to learn to operate in a safe and efficient manner, all equipment and tools associated with track maintenance.
- Must possess a high school education or GED, and a minimum of 12 months job-related experience; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

The positions listed in this notice will be expected to have the on-duty points outlined in this notice but may perform work on other areas of the Decatur & Eastern Illinois Railroad. The most qualified candidates will be selected from the available pool of applicants without regard to race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability or veteran status. The selection criteria will be job-related skills and attributes as outlined above. Successful candidates must have a stable work record and exhibit safe work practices. The ability to work in a team environment with a focus on customer service is critical. Applicants must be able to read and comprehend regulations and instructions in English, as well as possess good oral communication skills. Successful applicants will be required to pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol screen and complete a medical questionnaire. Every Team Member is an at-will employee. All Team Members are expected to know and abide by the standard code of Team Member Conduct.

All jobs will be posted at www.watcocompanies.com or information can be obtained by calling Human Resource department at (866) 479-2826.

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