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Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1034
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Re: **Docket No. FD 36407**
Mississippi Southern Railroad, L.L.C. — Lease and Operation Exemption —
The Kansas City Southern Railway Company

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(e), Mississippi Southern Railroad, L.L.C. (“MSR”) certifies that, on May 19, 2020, the attached Notice was posted at the below-listed workplaces of employees of The Kansas City Southern Railway Company (“KCSR”), notifying employees reporting to those workplaces of MSR’s plans to lease and operate certain KCSR lines (as described in the attached Notice):

Newton Depot
125 N Main St.
Newton, MS 39345

Union Depot
100 Main St.
Union, MS 39365

Louisville Depot
116 Cagle St.
Louisville MS 39339

Because potentially affected KCSR employees are represented by labor unions, the attached notice was also served on those unions at their national offices as follows:

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SMART Transportation Division
24950 Country Club Blvd., Ste. 340
North Olmsted, OH 44070-5333

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen
7061 East Pleasant Valley Road
Independence, OH 44131

Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division -
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
41475 Gardenbrook Road
Novi, MI 48375-1328

As a courtesy, the attached notice has also been supplied by email to the following local railroad labor officials as follows:

Mr. Jim Herndon
General Chairman – MidSouth SMART-UTU
260 Regency Centre
Collinsville, IL 62234
utu_go436@earthlink.net

Mr. Billy Evans
General Chairman - MidSouth/SouthRail/GWWR BLET
165 W South Street Suite 206
Hernando, MS 38632
bletevans@yahoo.com

Hayward Granier
General Chairman - BMWE ICGF
333 East Broadway
Mayfield, KY 42066
bmweicgf@att.net

MSR intends to file a notice of exemption to lease and operate the subject lines on or after June 15, 2020.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE

Mississippi Southern Railroad, L.L.C. (“MSR”) provides notice pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(e) that it will lease from The Kansas City Southern Railway Company (“KCSR”) and operate approximately 129.7 miles of railroad line (the “Line”), appurtenant real property, and certain personal property related to the Line. The Line consists of two interconnected segments of track, the first (a portion of the Louisville Subdivision) extending from Milepost 161.7 near Newton, MS, to Milepost 87.2 at the switch south of the C&G railroad crossing near West Point, MS (for a total of 114.2 miles), and the second (known as the Pearl River Industrial Lead) extending from Milepost 0.0 near Union, MS, to Milepost 15.5 near Sebastopol, MS (for a total of 15.5 miles). As may be relevant, the proposed lease arrangement includes all of KCSR’s sidings, yard tracks, and depots in Union and Louisville, MS.

As a result of its proposed lease and operation of the Line, MSR expects to have employment opportunities in Union or Louisville, MS, in the following areas, with the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

Trainmaster:

Approximately 1 position in Union or Louisville, MS. This position requires the following minimum skills and/or qualifications:

- At least 1 year experience as a Conductor/Brakeman/Engineer.
- 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 competence.

Conductor:

Approximately 3 positions in Union or Louisville, MS. 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 competence.

Engineer:

Approximately 3 positions in Union or Louisville, MS. 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 competence.

Brakeman:

Approximately 2 positions in Union or Louisville, MS. 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 competence.

Locomotive Laborer:

1 position located in Union or Louisville, MS. 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 Foreman/Inspector:

1 position located in Union or Louisville, MS. 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.
- Must possess or obtain a CDL license.

Track Laborer:

Approximately 3 positions in Union or Louisville, MS. 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 require that work be performed at other locations on the MSR network. 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, and possess good oral communication skills. Successful applicants must 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.

Mississippi Southern Railroad, L.L.C.
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Pittsburg, Kansas 66762