

(4) A description of the extent of the documentation and how the documentation will facilitate linkage in subsequent years;

(5) A discussion of the limitations of the linked data and subsequent applications of these data;

(6) A description of the applications of linked data implemented for decision-making and results of the decision-making;

(7) A description of how the data linkage and use of linked data for decision-making has been institutionalized for decision-making;

(8) A description of the documentation created to facilitate repeating of the linkage process and an estimate of how much time is needed to repeat the linkage in subsequent years;

(9) A copy of the public-use formats that were successful for incorporating linked data into the decision-making processes for highway safety and injury control;

(10) A copy of the management reports prepared using the standardized format for the national CODES report; and,

(11) A copy of a state-specific application using the linked data that had a direct impact on highway safety planning or improved highway safety outcome in terms of reduced deaths, injuries, injury severity and costs.

f. CODES Linked Database. The grantee shall deliver to NHTSA after linkage, at the date specified in the Action Plan, the CODES linked databases. NHTSA will use the data to help facilitate the development of data linkage capabilities at the state/area-wide level and to encourage use of the linked data for decision-making.

The deliverables will include:

(1) The database in an electronic media and format acceptable to NHTSA, including all persons, regardless of injury severity (none, fatal, non-fatal), involved in a reported motor vehicle crash for any two calendar years of available data beginning in 2000, and including injury and financial outcome information for those who are linked.

(2) A copy of the file structure for the linked data file.

(3) Documentation of the definitions and file structure for each of the data elements contained in the linked data files.

(4) An analysis of the quality of the linked data and a description of any data bias that may exist, based on an analysis of the false positive and false negative linked records.

g. One state-specific application of the linked data that has an impact on the state's highway safety planning or program efforts designed to reduce

death, injury, injury severity or costs resulting from motor vehicle crashes. Electronic versions of the state-specific publications should be sent so they can be distributed via NHTSA's CODES Web site.

3. During the effective performance period of Cooperative Agreements awarded as a result of this announcement, the agreement shall be subject to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's General Provisions for Assistance Agreements.

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Director for National Center for Statistics and Analysis, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34472]

Columbia Basin Railroad Company, Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Clark County, WA

Columbia Basin Railroad Company, Inc. (CBRC), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire by lease and to operate approximately 14 miles of rail line owned by Clark County, WA (the County), between milepost 0.0 at Vancouver Junction, WA, and milepost 14.1 at Battle Ground, WA.¹

CBRC certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or a Class I rail carrier. The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after February 20, 2004, the effective date of the exemption.

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.

¹ Lewis & Clark Railway Company (Lewis & Clark), a Class III rail carrier, was authorized to conduct operations over the line pursuant to a lease agreement. See *Lewis & Clark Railway Company—Exemption Operation—Chelatchie Prairie Railroad, Inc.*, Finance Docket No. 31042 (ICC served May 22, 1987), and *Lewis & Clark Railway Company—Lease and Operation Exemption—in Clark County, WA*, STB Finance Docket No. 33325 (STB served Jan. 15, 1997). By letter dated January 30, 2004, the County notified Lewis & Clark that CBRC will be the new operator. By letter filed February 18, 2004, the County notified the Board that Lewis & Clark's lease agreement expired on January 31, 2004, that the County was in the process of changing operators, and that CBRC will be the new operator.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34472, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. Also, a copy of each pleading must be served on Rose-Michele Weinryb, 1300 19th Street, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20036.

CBRC is directed to serve a copy of this notice on all shippers on the line and on Lewis & Clark Railway Company within 10 days after publication in the **Federal Register** and to certify to the Board that it has done so.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: March 3, 2004.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33407]

Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation Construction Into the Powder River Basin

In a decision served January 30, 2002, the Board gave approval to the Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation to construct and operate a 280-mile rail line into the Powder River Basin of Wyoming. The Board imposed extensive conditions to mitigate certain anticipated adverse environmental impacts, and also established an environmental oversight period. On appeal, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit vacated and partially remanded the Board's decision. *Mid States Coalition for Progress v. STB*, 345 F.3d 520 (8th Cir. Oct. 2, 2003). The court upheld the Board's decision with respect to all transportation issues, but remanded the case for further Board review on certain environmental issues. Petitions for rehearing of the court's decision were denied on January 30, 2004. Accordingly, the Board will address the remanded issues consistent with the decision of the court of appeals.

Dated: March 3, 2004.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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